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## Who's Who and What's What

At First Church, Brookhaven, Sept. 8, there were three additions to the church, one by baptism. In the evening Pastor S. H. Jones baptized five.

Already Dr. Maddry has cabled \$100,000 to help the British mission work, and is well on the way to the second \$100,000. Did you help? Better late than never.

Brother C. E. McAnn writes us that Perry County Association meets Thursday night, Oct. 3 and on Friday the fourth. This is the date given in the Record of Aug. 1, 1940.

By a typographical error \$46.00 for British missions was credited to Mrs. Hill Church, when it should have been Mars Hill. Proofreading causes us many a blush.

Dr. Gordon Hurlbutt writes that it was all a mistake about his being pastor at Lithia, Fla. He is pastor at Point Clear, Ala., and has been about ten years. We regret the mistake which was caused by confusion with a similar name.

Brother Joe Canzoneri preached and led the singing in a two weeks meeting in Eagleville, Tenn., Dr. J. C. Miles pastor. The Lord's presence was evident in every service. There is here a very fine type of citizens.

Mr. Noel Johnson of Water Valley passed away after two operations and long illness in Jackson, last week. He was a son of the late Elder H. L. Johnson of Water Valley and has four sisters living in Clinton; a brother and sister in Lafayette County. He was converted while a student in Mississippi College and baptized by the editor, then pastor in Clinton. He was a faithful church member, and had taught since his graduation.

Pastor Carey Cox of Terry is overflowing with joy as result of the meeting closing last Sunday night. There were 45 additions to the church, thirty-two of them by baptism. Brother Cox says he was never in a more satisfactory meeting. Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven preached. His messages were scriptural, sensible, depending on the Lord to bless His word. Mr. Harvey of Brookhaven led the singing most acceptably. Buses brought in the people from the government colony nearby. The house was filled every night and nearly full every morning.

Mrs. Mary Lackey Kethley passed away at her home in Jackson Sept. 13. The editor was her pastor at Clinton some years ago, and knew her as one of the most godly women. She came of fine Christian parentage, her father and mother being faithful and active members in old County Line Church many years ago. She was one of a large group of children, all of whom sought to honor the Lord in lives of faithful service. Mrs. Kethley as a widow for many years reared three sons and one daughter who survive her. As matron in Mississippi College she had the finest influence with the students. It would not be easy to find one with a larger circle of friends. She was over eighty years of age, and during her long illness she talked freely and confidently about going to be with the Lord. The funeral service was at Calvary Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Pastor Claud Bowen, assisted by the editor. The Father's blessings on those who are bereaved.

Pastor H. H. Hargrove of Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, preaches in the revival meeting in his church Sept. 22-29.

Rev. Fred A. McCaulley who has been field representative of the Southwestern Seminary returns to the pastorate at Bellmead, Waco, Texas, and is succeeded by Rev. A. V. Bradley.

Pastor Earl Waldrop says the people of Providence Church, Carroll County, will get into their new church house October 13, and are expecting a great day. They are happy and going right on with the work.

First Church, Baton Rouge, J. Norris Palmer pastor, had 558 additions in the past associational year, 97 of them by baptism. Total contributions \$41,605.86; of this \$12,106.68 went to missions and benevolence.

In the gifts to British Baptist missions Mississippi was ahead of Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland and New Mexico. Dr. Maddry says that while helping the British missions our own gifts to foreign missions have increased.

Two Mississippians were working together when Dr. B. C. Land of Quincy, Florida, assisted Pastor G. A. Cooper of Byne Memorial Church, Albany, Ga., in a good meeting. There were 36 additions, nearly all of them by baptism. The church has 750 members. Frank Bozeman led the singing with Forrest Watkins as pianist.

Southside Church, Jackson, is one year, one month and a few days old and has 200 members, one being received last Sunday. What hath God wrought! Next Sunday, 22nd, is set for a love offering, and all interested in the Master's work are expected to bring a sacrificial offering. And the prayers of all requested.

No man or woman should feel embarrassed because he is not able to give as much as some other. "It is acceptable according as a man hath, and not according as he hath not." The Lord did not say that he loved the big giver. But he said he loved the cheerful giver. Let each one of you on the first day of the week lay by in store as he is prospered. Don't hesitate to give a penny if that is all you are able to give; and don't try to save your face by giving a penny when you ought to give a dollar.

If it were announced that at your church next Sunday souvenir half dollars would be handed out to everybody who attends, you would expect a large congregation, wouldn't you? Do you believe what Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? If it is true, and your church is going to make an offering for State Missions, then the congregation ought to be bigger still; shouldn't it? It is everlastingly true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Then let's make an offering for state missions, and all be happy! And the bigger the offering the happier we will be.

We just can't comprehend the spirit of the man or woman who says, "I never go to church, but its money, money, money." In the first place it isn't so. The only reason we can conceive for one saying that is that any suggestion about giving hits somebody's sore toe, and he can't think about anything else. And why should people not be reminded of giving? Did not God say, "And they shall not appear before the Lord empty." And he was not talking about empty stomachs, for the next verse says, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deut. 16:16-17.

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## BAPTIST READERS ARE BAPTIST LEADERS Southern Baptists Unite in Enthusiastic Effort to Increase Circulation of Our State Baptist Papers to 500,000 by Centennial Year of 1945

By Louie D. Newton, Chairman

A Gallup Poll of Baptists anywhere anytime would reveal the commanding fact that Baptist Readers Are Baptist Leaders—leaders in the Board of Deacons, leaders in the Finance Committee, leaders in the Woman's Missionary Society, leaders in the Sunday School, leaders in the Training Union, leaders in the Brotherhood, leaders in the District Association, leaders in the state, sectional, national and international activities of our denomination and throughout the Christian fellowship.

Further study of our Baptist leadership will reveal the commanding fact that many of our leading preachers today learned their ABC's at their mother's knee from a Baptist paper. Dr. Truett told me recently when he was with us in a meeting at Druid Hills that he not only learned his ABC's from the large letters of The Biblical Recorder, The Christian Index, The Baptist and Reflector, and other Baptist papers that came regularly into the Truett home at Hayesville, but added:

"I read every word in these papers every week, including the obituaries and the advertisements. I would come in from the fields with my brothers, and we would stretch out on the porch after we had eaten our dinner, and literally devour every word of these Baptist papers."

### Baptists Must Tell Their Story

Baptists have a story to tell—a story that possesses every feature of real news, a story that

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## Sparks and Splinters

A teacher in O'Zion Church, Franklin County, reports good progress in the work there, and urges others to come.

About \$160,000 have been received to help British Baptist Missions and it is believed the goal of \$200,000 will be reached.

Mr. Montgomery, originally from Madison, Miss., died recently in Atlanta and left by his will \$50,000 to the Methodist Orphanage in Jackson, Miss. He had contributed smaller amounts before.

It is said that only one-third of the Baptist churches in Spain have been permitted to open under the new dictatorship. But these are said to be doing as much as all of them did a few years back.

Pearson Church, Rankin County, voted recently to go into the annuity plan of the Convention Board, to provide for the pastor at such time as he may be incapacitated. The present pastor is brother H. W. Roberson.

Great Britain is said to have sent word to Greece, that if the Greeks would fight in the threatened war with Italy, Great Britain would lend all possible aid to Greece. That is about the way the Lord deals with us in our fight against sin. If we are willing to fight, the Lord will fight with us. But if we quit the Lord will not help us.

Dr. Frank Moody Purser, Oxford, told the students of Blue Mountain College today in the opening address of the sixty-eighth annual session of the college to "prepare for every good action and be ready for every good work." He advised them to "be restrained, alert, and independent." President Lawrence T. Lowrey presided and introduced the new Dean of Students, Mrs. James B. Leavell, and the new Student Secretary, Miss Susan Daniel. Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., gave the invocation.

Recently a group of 40 at Kannapolis, N. C., studied "Elements of Musical Notation and Conducting," by E. O. Sellers, taught by a student from the Baptist Bible Institute. "Our gains cannot be counted in dollars. From the depths of our hearts we are gratified." This is a course for beginners and those who have had little training as choir leaders and members, song leaders or evangelistic singers. It can be taken through the Correspondence Department of the Baptist Bible Institute.

Pastor D. W. Moulder keeps busy as usual. On September 4 in company with brother G. S. Henderson and one other he organized a church of ten members near Smith's school house, Covington County. One young lady joined for baptism. The new church took the name of Moulder's Chapel. Last Sunday he was at Liberty and Oak Grove. Preached Friday night and three times on Saturday. Visited nine sick people in Magee Hospital; married a couple Saturday night; preached three times on Sunday; married a couple, baptized one and preached a funeral.

The conditions in Japan today which affect Christian missions and the Christian churches is cause of uneasiness, and is causing distress among Christians. Emperor worship is a part of the national or Shinto religion; also of the national educational system. An effort is being made to make all religion subject to and supporter of the civil government. As a part of this effort, bishops of the Anglican church, and of the Protestant Episcopal church, and of the Methodist church, who are not native Japanese are eliminated. Now an effort is being made to put all Christians of whatever denomination into the "Genuine Japanese Christian Church," in order that it may be more easily controlled by the government. The purpose is to prevent the coming of foreign missionaries or any foreign influence. This resembles the difficulties under which Christian churches labored in the Roman Empire in the first century. Also it is like the situation in Mexico for some time in which foreign missionaries were forbidden. But in Mexico it fell out to the furtherance of the gospel, and we hope it will prove to be the same in Japan.

The Hinds-Warren W. M. U. meeting will be held at Griffith Memorial Church October 3rd beginning at 9:30 in the morning.

Rolling Creek Church, J. H. Cranford pastor closed their revival meeting with 27 additions, 19 for baptism.—Mrs. Rosie Robinson.

In the first nine months of his pastorate at Winterhaven, Florida, Dr. Arthur Stovall, one of our Mississippians, has welcomed 125 new members.

With a membership of 220, the Reed class of men in Gregory Memorial Church, Baltimore, has the largest enrolment of any Baptist Sunday school in Maryland.

Pastor Robert Martin will move to Philipp this month. On the second Sunday the Sunday school attendance was one hundred percent, that is 60 enrolled and 60 present.

The woman who thinks it is smart to serve cocktails, hasn't got sense enough to get out of a shower of rain. She is "setting on fire the wheels of nature, and is set on fire of hell." Now will somebody write and say, "Stop my paper."

Pastor S. E. Nix preached at Centerville, Jones County, to large congregations Sunday, 8th. There were four additions, two by baptism. More interest in Sunday school and B. T. U. than ever before. Your prayers are requested.

Thursday night Dr. Norman W. Cox of Meridian spoke in First Church, McComb, to representatives of all the churches of various denominations in the city, preparatory to their launching a Christian Crusade beginning Oct. 1, similar to the one in Meridian the last three months of 1939.

Copy from the Convention Board Minutes: "We the Committee on Pastoral Support, recommend that all applications for Pastor Support be required to be on file in the Mission Secretary's office ten days before December 1st, and that board members from associations be required to investigate existing conditions for information of this committee."—W. D. Gooch, E. D. Hurst, D. I. Young, G. E. Wiley, J. B. Parker, J. O. White, S. B. Parker.

Rev. W. C. Stewart and the church at Houston are observing with appropriate services his sixteenth anniversary as pastor on Sunday, Sept. 15th. Since coming to Houston, brother Stewart has conducted 481 funerals, and married 260 couples. We have had 866 additions to the church during his sixteen years, and raised for all purposes \$94,918.31. The church has raised during the past year \$4,685.84. The W. M. S. has given \$402.80. The pastor's salary and the gifts for the Cooperative Program have reached \$3,074.

At Port Gibson, Sept. 4, an examining council composed of Pastor S. Reed Polk and H. A. Hunderup, Jr., and deacon C. L. Primrose approved of the ordination of Mr. Hollis B. Todd, after hearing his statement of conversion, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine. At the evening service brother Todd was ordained by the laying on of hands and prayer led by brother Hunderup. Brother Polk brought an inspiring message. Deacons C. E. Harris and S. S. Strickland of Port Gibson participated. Brother Todd recently graduated from Mississippi College and is pastor of Beech Grove and Glass churches. He gives promise of great usefulness. He expects to go to the Seminary later.

There is great need of a revival in our churches that will not only add to the membership, but will clean up the lives of the members we have. We know of churches in Mississippi that are being held down to low standards of Christian living and hindered in spiritual growth by the fact that prominent members drink liquor, and gamble, or sell liquor and debauch the young people of the community. You may add a few members to such a church but as sure as God reigns there will be an explosion or a surgical operation some day which will rend the church. There is no use to try to cover up such iniquity, for the judgment of God will reveal it, and it may come before what men call the judgment day. God give us repentance unto the remission of sin; and preachers who are not afraid of the face of man.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "FUNERALS"

The preacher is frequently "on the spot" in the matter of funerals. One has not been long in the pastorate until he finds this out. Again and again I tell my people that they ought to live while they are living so that they will not embarrass some preacher to death when he has to conduct their funeral.

The worst spot I was ever in in this respect was many years ago while I was a college student. I was called on to conduct the funeral of a man who during his life time had been four times tried for murder. On each occasion he had bullied the man whom he had slain until the victim had made some gesture that had given the aggressor some color of self-defense and then had beat him to the draw. At last this man suffered a stroke of paralysis and in his desperation committed suicide. The one redeeming spot in his life had been his devotion to the members of his family and his extreme liberality in the matter of indulging them in their wishes. They thought he was the finest man in the world and excused all his delinquences. They demanded a big funeral. All that I could do was to tell them and the people assembled that the mission of the funeral service was for the living and not the dead, that they all knew him and that the judge of all the earth could be trusted to do right by him. From that I proceeded to preach. The group assembled heard an evangelistic sermon in which I set forth with strong emphasis the fact that we are all sinners and need a saviour and that how good God is in giving us His Son that all who believe on Him and wholeheartedly accept him could be saved.

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Bellvue Church, Memphis, received 32 members in August and ten the first Sunday in September.

Pastor Riley Munday reports Pilgrim's Rest Church in Copiah County out of debt, and a surprise shower given the pastor.

Pastor N. D. Timmerman welcomed eight new members Sunday at Clarksdale. In three months 45 have been received; in twelve months 129.

A "friend" signing no name writes that the date of Oktibbeha County Association has been changed to Sept. 26. That is the date that was published in the Record.

Catchings Church has a membership of 219. There were present at prayer meeting last week 75 people. New officers and teachers were installed for next year. Every phase of the church life is growing.

Associations meeting next week are: Madison County at Camden, Sept. 24; Rankin County at Mizpah, Sept. 25; Clarke County at Pleasant Grove, Sept. 25; Zion at Sapa, Sept. 25-26; Oktibbeha at New Hope Church, Sept. 26; Bolivar County at Shelby, Sept. 26; Prentiss County at Baldwyn, Sept. 26-27.

Wilbur Bullock, Jr., led the singing and J. F. McLelland of Enon, La., preached in the meeting, the best meeting ever in Knoxo Church. The preaching was excellent and the music likewise. The church adopted the tithing plan for church finances. A storehouse was built to take care of the offerings. Pastor Martin J. Gilbert has moved on the field.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports total receipts in August for all Southwide objects as \$213,116.93. Of this \$89,006.92 came through the Cooperative Program; \$110,098.20 designated and \$14,011.81 through the Hundred Thousand Club. For the eight months of 1939, total receipts were \$1,418,685.61, which is \$164,653.44 better than for the same time last year. Mississippi sent \$6,460.23 which makes us thirteenth in the list of eighteen states.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

T. W. Talkington

(As reported to Lebanon Association and requested, by vote of the association, to be sent to the Record for publication.)

"Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. — Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all," I Tim. 4:13-15. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," Hosea 4:6.

Our general publications are the Bible, The Commission, Home Missions, Royal Service and our Baptist state papers. The Bible, thank God, continues to be the best seller of all books, but is still a closed book in many so-called Christian homes.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell used to say, "No one can be an informed Baptist without his state denominational paper." Next to the Bible itself the mightiest single agency for the promotion and development of our missionary, educational and benevolent interests is our denominational paper. Baptist papers are the only means of promoting all Southern Baptist work in EVERY Baptist home EACH WEEK. Therefore, the necessity of putting a Baptist paper in every Baptist home. The Baptist Brotherhood of the South, under the able leadership of Lawson H. Cooke, has undertaken the telling task of adding a million subscribers to our Baptist papers. Let us all heartily lend our prayerful support.

## The Baptist Record

In our state the Baptist Record is a good ASSISTANT PASTOR. The busy pastor cannot visit each of his families every week, but the Baptist Record CAN and SHOULD.

The Baptist Record is an antidote for trashy literature that fills our mail bags and newsstands. In February Readers' Digest we find this significant statement, "A torrent of smutty magazines is flowing across the newsstands of the nation. Last month 8,000,000 people—most of them under 21—bought copies of 150 nationally distributed periodicals reeking with frankly objectionable material." J. Edgar Hoover, of the F.B.I., says, "The destruction of moral character caused by salacious literature cannot be overestimated. In the past decade the growth of this kind of literature has been the most rapid in history." Please take a look at the newsstands in your town.

The Baptist Record HELPS FINANCES in your church. Ask any pastor who has given it a fair trial.

The Baptist Record helps the pastor indoctrinate his people. Many cults and isms abound and their advocates are alert in the distribution of their heretical literature. Each Baptist family must have the Baptist state paper to keep fully informed, indoctrinated and established in the faith.

The Baptist Record prevents misunderstandings and perversions about our work. You never hear a regular reader of the Record telling or giving any credence to such stories as, "It takes 90 cents to get a dollar to our mission fields."

## The Best Plan

ONE PLAN for enlarging the circulation of the Record is GETTING INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS. ANOTHER PLAN is SECURING CLUBS. But the BEST PLAN, by far, is the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. Put the Record in the BUDGET just as you do your Sunday school and B. T. U. literature. Hundreds of churches in Mississippi and thousands in the Southern Baptist Convention have finally learned this valuable lesson.

Riverside Association meets in Clarksdale Oct. 17, according to the clerk, Rev. Geo. H. Gay, and not on the date previously indicated in the Record.

First Church, Shreveport, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor, gave \$95,713.40 to all objects during the past associational year and had 419 additions to the church.

## EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

## Every Christian Should Know Jesus As The Star of God.

In Revelation 22:16 he says, "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Every Christian should know why Jesus is called the Star.

1. Stars are Symbols of Authority. Kings have had their scepters and crowns studded with stars, and their subjects understood the stars to symbolize authority. Jesus said, shortly before his ascension, "All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He is certain of the Lord's hosts and will one day be recognized as King of kings and Lord of lords. As such he is the Star of God.

2. Stars are Symbols of Brightness. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and forever." Jesus was the Star of God in the human nature. He was tempted in all points even as we are, yet without sin. His life was as bright and pure as the stars above. Infidels, skeptics, and critics have endeavored in vain to find fault with him. He continues to shine, like the stars above, with undiminished brightness. Jesus was the Star of God in the field of knowledge. Scientists, explorers, inventors, theologians and philosophers have been through the ages and are at present seeking to discover His secrets. They have much yet to discover.

3. Stars are Constant. They are dependable. They do not change with time. Each night in Lick Observatory a man watches for a certain star to cross a hair-like mark on the lens of his telescope. When the star passes the line he sets his watch. He then passes the time on to Washington and from there it goes to all parts of the country so that every clock and watch in this country is set by a star, a star which does not vary a fraction of a second in a century. Jesus is as constant, dependable and faithful as that star.

4. Stars are Fountains of Influence. Astrologers claim that stars determine the character and destiny of people. They say that those born March 21-April 19 when Mars is nearest the earth have the spirit of explorers, trail blazers. Strength, courage and ambition are their chief characteristics. While those born April 20-May 20 when Venus rules the heavens have other characteristics. They are warm, affectionate, human.

Whether astrologers are correct or not we know that Jesus, the star of God, does influence the lives of men. One's manner of life in this world and his destiny in the world to come is determined by his relationship to Jesus.

5. The North Star is the center around which all the stars in the northern hemisphere move. It is also the standard of measurement for the magnitude of other stars. Jesus, the star of God, is the center around which all things in the spiritual world revolve. He is also the standard of measurement of all spiritual values. Christians measure their character, conduct and ideals by him.

6. Stars are Guides. By following the stars men navigate the pathless seas, deserts and plains as successfully as if they were marked. Jesus too is the way, and no man cometh to the Father but by him.

7. Stars are Objects of Wonder. Astronomers have learned many things about stars. They have learned their size, weight, color, temperature, distance from the earth and many other things, but the more they know about them, the greater is their wonder concerning them. So it is with Jesus. Theologians have learned many things about him, but the more they know, the greater is their wonder and admiration.

8. The Morning Star is the Symbol of Hope. It matters not how dark and dreary the night, when the bright, morning star appears it brings inspiration and hope, for it is the herald of a new day. When one sees the morning star he knows the sun will presently rise to dispel darkness and give light and life to the world. When Jesus

## "LIVING IS GIVING"

Isn't it strange that the most blessed lessons of life are so difficult to learn? The majority of men and women, apparently, have the idea that getting is living. They feel that if they can get this position or that income or a certain privilege or honor or success, that they would really live. It is the experience of all those who have their wants in this respect gratified that getting what you want in this world never gives one any abiding satisfaction and is almost invariably damaged by some degree of disappointment. We do not have to be very old before we find this out in our own experience. Although we read it in the Bible and hear it in the pulpit and convincingly see from our observation of life around about us that getting does not satisfy, still we continue to seek satisfaction by that process. Although our hearts are convinced as we travel along the trail of memory that life's happiest experiences come from giving, still we are prone to keep on being deceived by the notion that getting is living. It is a harmful illusion.

Jesus tells us "That it is more blessed to give than receive." The simplest things of life tell us this is true. The happiest experiences we have ever known came to us from giving to loved one or friend or stranger because we loved him and sought nothing for ourselves in return. There is nothing as satisfying as to have really given something after the spirit and mind of Christ.

We never live by getting. We gloriously live by giving. Those who discipline themselves in their discipleship to Christ to keep their wants at a minimum and to put their giving at a maximum are filled with a radiance, a secret strength, a deathless courage, and a vital hope that gives them power and resources to sustain them victoriously in whatever experiences life may bring. Be it at home, in school, in business, in society, or at church or any place else we only really live as we give.

John Oxenham has well phrased for us this blessed secret in the following familiar lines.

"Love ever gives—  
Forgives—outlives—  
And ever stands  
With open hands.  
And while it lives,  
It gives.  
For this is love's prerogative:  
To give—and give—and give!"

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Prof. Chester Swor is this week, Sept. 9-15, in a meeting for young people in First Church, Monroe, La.

All church leaders should remember Board appropriations in December will be somewhat largely based upon State Mission receipts in September-October.—Secy.

Mendenhall B. T. U. had 87 present Sunday night and 87 of them were present at the preaching service. Pastor C. C. Jones also preaches at Macedonia Church, where the new house has been completed on the outside.

It was a shock to hear of the death at Pickens of Mr. A. P. Yarborough. He seemed so strong and well. He was an active and intelligent supporter of every interest of his church. He was a brother of Dr. W. F. Yarborough former pastor of First Church, Jackson. May the Lord comfort those who are bereaved.

The people of Neshoba and the pastor Rev. Chas. Hamlett of Decatur are happy over the completion of the new Baptist Church. It is a brick building, replacing the one destroyed by fire last January. The pastor preached the first sermon on "Humility" on Monday morning, Aug. 26th, beginning a revival, which lasted until the next Sunday. He was assisted by Mrs. Hamlett leading the singing. The messages were forceful, and there were thirteen additions to the church, eleven for baptism and two by letter. The church is grateful for every donation given, and invites everyone to come worship with them.

appears to an individual he too is the herald of a new day. In him one sees all the promises of God fulfilled.

# EDITORIALS

WOOD, HAY, STUBBLE

There is such a thing as godly jealousy, or jealousy of God, 2 Cor. 11:2. God says of Himself that He is a jealous God. He has purchased His people at a great price, and He is unwilling to surrender them to any enemy, or allow them to be misled and destroyed or injured. Paul felt the same way about those who had been brought into the kingdom by the gospel which he preached. They were his children, and anything that threatened their spiritual welfare aroused his indignation and put the spirit of battle into him.

He knew there were enemies aplenty. They dogged his footsteps everywhere he went. They were bent on misleading those who had come into the kingdom through his ministry. He knew the dangers that threatened them, and was uneasy in their behalf, was jealous over them with a godly jealousy.

The church at Corinth seemed singularly susceptible to these attacks. Their undeveloped state made it easy for them as children to be carried away with every wind of doctrine. He could not stay with them always. They must stand at last on their own feet. And they must have other preachers who would carry on, and assume the responsibility of leadership.

Paul cautions the people and the leaders alike against the sort of teaching and leadership they were likely to have. He said "Ye are God's house." We who have the place of teachers, whether Paul or Cephas, or Appollos, or what not, are fellow workers, all working to the same end. But he would have them bear certain things very definitely in mind. There is only one foundation to the building. Other foundations can no man lay, than what has been laid. This is Jesus Christ. Any other will not suffice at all. Whoever the preacher is, we dare not get away from this one thing, that all our faith and hope, rest on Jesus, and the church must be built on nothing else. "Other foundation can no man lay."

And another thing: with this foundation, every man who undertakes the ministerial office, be he apostle or prophet or evangelist or pastor must take heed how he builds thereon. Let him see carefully what sort of material he uses in building up the church, what sort of teaching he gives the people. If it is the truth of God, it is gold or silver or precious stone. If it is the vagaries of men, it is wood, hay, stubble. And the end is conflagration and destruction.

Can you blame Paul for being anxious about what sort of teaching would be given these converts of his. If anything contrary to the truth is taught, then the whole structure on which he had spent such toil would go up in smoke or down in ashes. Paul warns in several of his epistles about what might happen to the churches which he had established. The man today who has no concern about the dangers ahead is not akin to Paul.

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Headquarters of the Baptist Missionary Society in London has been bombed by the Germans.

Dr. M. O. Patterson was with Van Winkle Church in a Bible school Sept. 2-6. The church was happy and edified by his teaching.

A recent issue of the Watchman-Examiner has a front page likeness of Dr. Norman W. Cox of Meridian, and a write-up of his pastoral experiences. Mississippians are glad to have so worthy a member of their fellowship honored.

If all the figures of the census bureau of the federal government are as worthless as those about Baptists (and we do not believe they are or could be) then thousands of taxpayers' money has been wasted by this bureau.

West Laurel Church recently increased the salary of Pastor J. H. Street and voted to cooperate with the Relief and Annuity Board and the State Board in providing an annuity for the pastor at retirement age. The budget for next year is \$6,500.00 of which \$1,325.00 is for denominational causes.

## HE REASONED OF RIGHTEOUSNESS Ephesians 5:5-14

You will find that word reason a good many times in the Bible especially in the Acts of the Apostles where Luke is speaking of the preaching of Paul. The religion of Jesus is an appeal to reason; not that alone but it ways includes that. It is a word worth investigating. Paul brought all the logic of a trained mind to bear on those to whom he preached.

But we are not studying the word. We are rather examining a passage, Ephesians 5:5-14, where there is an example of Paul's reasoning. He has instructed and exhorted them to forsake the sins of their former pagan life, and now he reasons with them, gives the reason why they should utterly abandon the wicked practices of the past.

He begins this reasoning with "For." He gives a reason. He tells them why they must live a clean life. Paul probably uses the expressions "for," "therefore," "on this account" and similar phrases more often than any other New Testament writer. He bases his exhortation on facts. His paragraphs hang together like the links in a chain. He always has a ground for what he says, and he is sure of his ground.

His reason for urging a clean life is, "For this ye know of surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God." If you start with something that you know of a surety you can go on to a safe course of conduct. And here is something that is settled forevermore. An unclean man or a covetous man has no share or allotment among those to whom God is giving possession in his kingdom. Then you know how necessary it is to put away uncleanness and covetousness. Both of these prevent any title or claim to participation in the possession of the Christian heritage. Then clean up, and clean out of your heart the love of money.

"Let no man deceive you with empty words." There were sophists in Paul's day just as there are in ours. They could make the worse appear the better way. They could make people believe that black is white. They could persuade people that they were only enjoying self expression, following the bent of nature, or that those who insisted on decency and modesty were prudish and puritanical. They could say, "How doth God know; what does He care? Go on and have your fling. Everybody does it." They could tell them that it is your right to make all you can and keep all you make. But Paul says and strongly maintains that the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience.

You have seen the light, walk in it. There is something in their souls which tells them sin is ruinous. Don't let the devil blind you to the truth. You can put to test, by trying it out, what is pleasing to God. When you prove what is well pleasing to God you will reprove the unfruitful works of darkness. The best way to show that sin is the wrong way is to give a demonstration of the right way.

And here is an interesting light on a vital truth. Paul says, "All things when they are reprov'd are made manifest by the light." If we walk in the light and according to the light, this is the best way of demonstrating the sinfulness of the wrong way. The best rebuke or reproof of wrong is a demonstration of right. And when the wrong is shown up in its real nature and consequences, these wrongs themselves become lights to show men the truth and the right: "Everything that is made manifest is light." You see the wrong in its true nature and are taught by the results of it to avoid it.

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Instead of the Sunday school singing "Happy birthday to you," when somebody walks down the aisle to make a birthday offering, why not give everybody a chance to join the one who celebrates, by making a similar offering. Rejoice with those who rejoice. If it is more blessed to give, why not all be happy?

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

### Chalybeate

Rev. R. M. Lewis is pastor at Chalybeate, Falkner and Providence. He also does work in neglected places in true missionary fashion. Few pastors could have a meeting of deacons and other workers at five o'clock in the afternoon with cotton picking in full blast. He did. We explained the EVERY FAMILY plan and pointed out how it helped all lines of church work. We were kindly received and they hope to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan very soon. We purposely prolonged the meeting (held in the parsonage) until near supper time. (Note: Mrs. Lewis is as good at cooking as the pastor is at preaching.)

Tippah County has Record readers as follows: Shady Grove 2, BLUE MOUNTAIN 132, Chalybeate 6, Dumas 2, Route 4 Ripley 1, Route 1 Ripley 1, RIPLEY 71, Route 1 Tiplersville 1; Providence 2, WALNUT 46, Route 2 Walnut 1, Route 1 Blue Mountain 1, FALKNER 12.

### Ripley

Benton and Tippah Associations meet on consecutive days. Not only does it make attendance easy for a state worker but there is the added advantage of spending the night in the home of Pastor and Mrs. J. B. Parker. Brother Parker seems to grow in the affections of his people and though two churches have recently called him, the ties at Ripley were too strong to break. There were 75 or more at his prayer meeting service and his folks say that Sunday attendance is also good.

### Plantersville

Rev. F. V. McFatridge has been doing things in the few months he has been pastor at Plantersville. A new parsonage was recently completed, the Cooperative Program is on a percentage basis, they have four B. T. U.'s and five W. M. U. organizations.

The Plantersville folks made A-1 as hosts to the Lee County Association.

Lee County has Record subscribers listed as follows: Harrisburg 1, Belden 1, Route 2 Tupelo 2, Route 3 Tupelo 2, Saltillo 2, Sherman 2, Nettleton 4, Richmond 11, Tupelo 14, BREWER 19, SHANNON 24, BALDWIN 40, VERONA 43, PLANTERSVILLE 63.

### Philadelphia

The first thing we noticed on arriving at Philadelphia (we supplied for Pastor Corder who was sick) was the name of the church in front of the building. Every church should do likewise. They have nine standing Training Unions, a standard W. M. U. and every department of the Sunday school is standard. There have been 110 additions in the past 15 months and they are talking about enlarging the church plant. Seven additions at the night service. Evidently those people are working.

Neshoba County's Record subscribers are listed as follows: IMMANUEL 21, Route 7 Philadelphia 1, PHILADELPHIA 235, COLDWATER 34, OAK GROVE 16, SPRING CREEK 30, SARDIS 20, DIXON 17, NESHOPA 16, LINWOOD 1.

### Lebanon Association

Lebanon Association met with historic Providence Church in Forrest County. Rev. L. C. Holcomb is pastor. Having given advance notice of our coming we were given sufficient time and a good place on the program. And at least one brother believed in the EVERY FAMILY Plan. He gave us his personal check and the EVERY FAMILY list for his church.

Officers elected by the association were Rev. A. C. Parker, moderator; Rev. L. C. Holcomb, clerk; T. C. Hobby, treasurer. The attendance on the second day was good, in fact better than

some that have only one day. And how those Providence folks did entertain!

Lebanon Association has subscribers to the Record as follows: Petal 1, HATTIESBURG -FIRST 493; McLaurin 1, Hattiesburg 16, Providence 2, GLENDALE 43, MAIN STREET 389, Immanuel 2, RICHBURG 15, ORAL 42, Calvary 5, Route 1 Hattiesburg 1, LUMBERTON 99, R. F. D. Purvis 1, PURVIS 77, Hickory Grove 1, SUMRALL 27, Baxterville 1, McHenry 2, Perkinson 2, Route 1 Perkinson 1, Big Level 14.

#### Sunflower Association

Rome church and Pastor H. J. Logan did a first class job of entertaining the Sunflower Association. The attendance was good, the program well planned and enthusiasm high. Officers elected were: Moderator, Dr. Nat Tracy; Vice-Moderator, Dr. Howard Spell; Clerk and Treasurer, Dr. B. D. Hardin. We were given time to talk the EVERY FAMILY Plan. We turned it into a testimony meeting with the EF pastors telling how they liked the EF plan.

Sunflower County has subscribers listed as follows: Parchman 1, Route 1 Doddsville 1, Bethany 3, Rome 7, Roundaway 8, Doddsville 8, BLAINE 10, Indianola 11, DOCKERY 15, NEW HOPE 16, JONES BAYOU 17, BETHEL NO. 5 19, FAIRVIEW 33, SUNFLOWER 61, MOORHEAD 62, RULEVILLE 67, INVERNESS 67, DREW 94.

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#### A CLINIC FOR SOULS

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This writer found during a hospital experience of six days last summer what a "diagnostic clinic" is. Doctors engaged in this sort of work do not jump at conclusions; they do not gamble on the patient's health and life; do not take chances; they proceed with great thoroughness to find out where the trouble is.

If you have never been through the mill, let us tell you something about it. They let nothing in you from head to foot go untested. They examine your eyes, your ears; they bring in a cardiograph machine to test your heart, they prick your finger to get a sample of your blood; they test your kidneys, your liver, your lungs. They scrutinize your feet and your finger nails. They carry you to the x-ray room and let the light shine through your body and your head. They ask you every imaginable question and many that you had never thought of. And then a young lady in her uniform comes along with a blank with questions as long as that of a "selective draft" commissioner. She wants to know all about your grandmother, your father and mother and brothers and sisters. She wants to know more than you know. They've got your history and your photograph.

And what is it all about? They do this that the doctors may know what is the matter with you and what to do for you. Did you study the Sunday school lesson last Sunday? If you did you found out that the Lord has a "diagnostic clinic" also, and it is for the same purpose; to find out what is the matter with you and what to do for you.

Those two words, "diagnostic clinic," are Greek words. Strange how much Greek our people speak without knowing. The first word means "thorough knowledge." The second means a bed for sick folks. Now you've got the whole story.

And David puts it into poetry. Strange what things turn to poetry when they get into the right hands. It certainly takes a sure enough poet to set the sighings of a sick room into a song. It takes more than a poet. It takes someone who has had a close personal experience with God. But that will do it.

O Jehovah, thou hast searched me and known me  
Thou understandest my thought afar off;  
Thou searchest my path and my lying down,  
And art acquainted all my ways.

Read all the way through and you will find that David was greatly benefited by the diagnostic clinic. They say everybody ought to go to such a place every now and then for a "check up." David seemed to think so. He said:  
Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my thoughts,

#### BAPTIST READERS ARE BAPTIST LEADERS

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(Continued from page 1)

the people will read. Will we tell our story? Will we learn the lesson from our fathers? Will we be true to the inheritance of a great propaganda? Will we become propagandists of the truth as God gives us to see and understand it?

We need not expect others to tell our story. They have their own story to tell, and many of our neighbors are doing a very fine job of telling their story. For example, the Roman Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc., etc. And they are getting results.

Baptists have been and are doing a good job in telling their story. I rejoice in the past and present achievements of our people in this vital matter of propagating the Gospel through the printed page, over the radio, etc., etc. Our State Baptist Papers have been a mighty factor in this propaganda, the principal factor, indeed. And it is to strengthen these State Baptist Papers that the recent Baltimore Convention set up our committee with instructions that we work with similar committees in each state to increase the circulation of our State Baptist Papers.

#### What Does the Baptist Paper Offer?

In this tremendous task of telling our Baptist story, what does the State Baptist Paper offer? I think it offers the one indispensable channel of reaching our people with our message. Your State Baptist Paper is the only means of promoting all Baptist work in every home each week in your state. Think it over, and see if you do not agree to that striking claim for the State Baptist Paper.

Someone may come back and say that we have the daily paper and the weekly county paper and numerous other channels of publicizing our work. Very well, and I would like to put in a word just there to urge our people to make wider use of the secular press; but when you make the fullest possible use of the secular press, you have not yet told the Baptist story as it needs to be told. You can't expect these secular papers to do it. Only the Baptist paper can fully tell the Baptist story.

I could write columns of argument on this point, but I take it that the present subscribers to our State Baptist Papers are already agreed on that point.

#### What Can We Do About It?

When the Editors asked me to take the chairmanship of this committee, I was immediately prompted to accept, due to my deep interest and abiding devotion to our Baptist State Papers, but I tried to be sensible about the matter, and I asked what I dare say every reader of this article will ask, namely, What can we do about it? What can a general committee of the Southern Baptist Convention do? What can a general committee in each state do?

I talked with Dr. Truett about it, and I talked with Dr. Scarborough about it. I talked with practically every south-wide leader about it. I talked to my own state secretary and my own editor about it.

I know what the local pastor can do about it, because I am a pastor. We have had The Christian Index in practically every home of Druid Hills Church since 1920, when I became Editor of The Index, and when my pastor, Dr. F. C. McConnell, joined with me in asking our church to put the paper in the budget. I know the budget plan will work, because it has worked right here in Druid Hills since 1920. We are as fully committed to the idea of putting our paper in every home of our church as we are to provide literature for the Sunday school, provide lights for the meeting house, or any other vital need of Druid Hills Church.

But I am not yet certain just how much any committee can do about getting the State Baptist Paper into the homes of a local Baptist church.

And see if there be any wicked way in me;  
And lead me in the way everlasting.

It is a good thing to come to Him who knows all about you; is deeply sympathetic; is absolutely honest, and knows exactly what to do.

As I thought and prayed about the matter, I was brought to accept the chairmanship of the committee, feeling that perhaps there was some service that such a committee might render. And I think I voice the feeling of the committee when I say that we are grateful for the opportunity to render whatever service we may. (Please note the personnel of the committee appointed at Baltimore in the accompanying box, and your own State Committee.)

#### A Worthy Goal Has Been Set

Our committee held its first meeting in Nashville on July 16, 1940. We reviewed the report of the Committee on Baptist Papers, as adopted by the Convention at Baltimore, and tried to outline our initial efforts in keeping with the action of the Convention.

The total circulation of the eighteen Southern Baptist State Papers at this time is approximately 200,000. Our committee voted unanimously to set a goal of 500,000 circulation by the centennial of the Convention in 1945. A sub-committee is now working out a schedule of quotas by states which we will ask each state committee to consider, and we hope, adopt. This is a worthy goal, we believe. Think what it would mean to our Baptist work if we could increase the circulation of our papers to a half million! I believe it can be done.

The Sunday School Board, through Dr. T. L. Holcomb, has graciously offered to bear the expense of printing a pamphlet to be used in this campaign. We are working on that pamphlet right now, and hope to have it in the hands of the state committee in time for the majority of the district association meetings and for use in local church budget committees this fall.

#### The State Committee

The Baltimore Convention requested every state through which our south-wide committee might work in trying to help this very worthy cause. We have written every State Secretary and editor, asking them to set up these state committees at once, and let us know what we may do to further help in the respective states. I think it is highly important that these state committees be organized immediately. After all, our committee can only serve through the state committees.

It is our hope that the state committee, in each instance, will set up committees in each district association, and that each district association will, in turn, seek to set up a committee in each church. That will get the movement back to the churches in the true Baptist way.

With state quotas, district association quotas, and local church quotas set up and agreed upon, we can have 500,000 circulation of our papers before 1945. But we have got to go about it with definite purpose and conviction if this movement succeeds.

#### Plans of Circulating the Papers

Our committee will recommend two plans particularly in this effort to definitely increase the circulation of our Baptist State Papers, namely, the budget plan and the club plan. Space in this article does not permit discussion of these plans in detail, but I may say briefly that the budget plan is putting the paper in the regular church budget along with other regular items to be paid out of current expenses. The club plan calls for a certain number of subscribers in each church, the money to be received by some properly designated person in the church. Various papers are meeting with marked success in the club plan. I believe I may say that many of the papers are finding the budget plan most effective.

Details must be left to the state committees. Our committee will do all within our power to serve in bringing the appeal to the attention of all our people. Surely we are of one mind that there was never such a propitious hour for united effort in increasing the circulation of our State Baptist Papers, and I firmly believe that pastors throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will join hands in making this effort a great forward movement for our beloved denomination, informing, indoctrinating, enlisting and inspiring our people to a greater commitment to the will of God.

There is in the Gospel of Christ an amazing and recuperative dynamic which brutal and insane war cannot hinder or destroy. For four years now, Japan, armed with every conceivable instrument of destruction that modern science and ingenuity can devise, has been waging the most ruthless and devastating war upon China that the world has ever seen. What has been the effect of it all upon the progress of the Gospel? Many of the material things created by the Gospel in China have been destroyed. The Japanese, in their "New Order for East Asia," have deliberately and with diabolical cunning and system set themselves to demolish in China every cultural and regenerative agency and institution that would educate and train that country's sons and daughters for the new and aggressive China that will surely emerge out of this baptism of death. Colleges, universities, hospitals, libraries, orphan homes, and churches have been singled out by Japanese bombers as objects for destruction. Japan plans to enslave and exploit China, and to create in East Asia a puppet state of 460,000,000 serfs who will do her bidding, and will enrich her economic life. Hence the systematic fury and brazen efficiency with which all the spiritual and cultural creations—handmaids of the Gospel—have been devastated. What has been the effect of all this destructive mania upon the progress of the Gospel throughout China?

#### CHINA TURNING TO CHRIST

Truly we can say with Paul that it has all fallen out "rather to the furtherance of the Gospel." More people are being saved and baptized than ever before since our representatives entered China. Every missionary is fearfully overworked, often doing the work of three persons because the needs are so great and the laborers so few. Every mail from China brings heart-breaking appeals for new recruits. Vast multitudes of Chinese, who never before gave heed to the Gospel, are now turning to Christ with a zeal and heart-hunger that are pathetic in their intensity. The missionaries of our Board have stayed on with the Chinese and suffered with them; and today the biggest and most influential person in suffering China is the missionary. Never since Christ gave the Great Commission and went back to sit at the Father's right hand has such an opportunity been given to His followers for the preaching of His Gospel as we are witnessing in China today.

#### ONLY A FEW RECRUITS

In the face of this unprecedented opportunity today, the Board has been able to send only twelve new recruits to China this year. We ought, by all means, to send not less than a hundred more workers within the next twelve months. The harvest is ripe and the day of reaping has come in China. It is the glorious culmination of faithful and sacrificial sowing by devoted missionaries throughout the years. Southern Baptists ought to meet this challenge and to make possible the immediate appointment of the scores of young people who have heard God's call to service and who have prepared themselves to go. They are needed at once for the relief of their hard-pressed brothers and sisters in China who are pleading so earnestly for reinforcements.

#### AFRICA WAITS FOR THE LIGHT

The same story could be told of wide open doors in Nigeria, West Africa. There are in our territory 20,000,000 black people for whom we are responsible. Letters are coming to our desk constantly from heathen kings in Nigeria, begging us to send missionaries to teach them the Gospel of Jesus. The tragedy and pathos of it! That heathen kings in Africa should have plead in vain with Southern Baptists for messengers of light and life! We have sent thirty new missionaries to Africa within three years. We ought to send a hundred more this year.

#### SOUTH AMERICA PLEADS

Every door in South America swings wide for the entrance of the Gospel. In the political and

## GREAT AND EFFECTUAL DOORS SWING WIDE

By CHARLES E. MADDRY,  
Executive Secretary  
Foreign Mission Board  
Richmond, Virginia

economical world, we are striving for the unity and solidarity of the Americas. The quickest way to achieve this goal is to give the Gospel to South America. We now have 145 missionaries in all South America and, by all means, the number should be doubled within two years.

The Foreign Mission Board, in all of its glorious history of ninety-five years, has never faced such an opportunity for the preaching of the Gospel as we face today.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS STANDING AT KADESH-BARNEA

If there be any Mr. Fearings among us who have "taken counsel with their fears" and are ready to quit, let us not censure them too harshly. They have taken the "grasshopper" attitude and are ready to turn back, and we are sorry for them in their loss of faith. Let us not be discouraged. War, with all its horrors, cannot hinder the onward sweep of Christ's Gospel. The Kingdom is coming. The nations are in commotion and the lost millions of earth are crying out for the Gospel.

"A great door and effectual is opened . . . and there are many adversaries."

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, today sent a check for \$100,000 to the beleaguered Baptist Missionary Society of England.

"This is the first instalment on a total of \$20,000.00 we propose to send our British brethren," he said. "Additional contributions are flowing in from all over the South." This check was transmitted by cable through the National City Bank of New York.

A letter just received from Chairman Henry Cook and other members of the British Society states in part: "Many of our coast churches have been closed; others have lost considerable numbers of their members through evacuation . . . The growing cost of living and the heavy accumulating increases in taxation have greatly affected the power of our members to contribute to church and missionary work."

The officials of the British Missionary Society spoke in glowing terms of the swiftness and generosity with which Southern Baptists have come to the aid of the hard-pressed English missionaries.

Dr. Maddry stated, "The income of the Foreign Mission Board for our own work in sixteen lands across the seas has increased in a substantial and gratifying way even while we were taking up this collection for our British brethren."

#### A GOSPEL BOAT

Before I begin to make my report for the first six months of this year, I want to express my gratitude for the fact that our great need in Wusih has been placed on the Lottie Moon Offering list for 1940. I know you rejoice with us that there is hope of our having much needed equipment before so very long.

In thin'ing over the past year, there are two things that stand out. One is the launching of our boat and the other, the assembling of three modest libraries for use in our work.

Mr. Hamlett has spent a good deal of time in getting the boat repaired and now it has been launched. I have been able to help some in the assembling of the much needed equipment for the boat. We are fortunate in having a good evangelist and a good Bible woman to go out with us. We have the same crew we had before the war. Losing the boat for active service for a time makes it doubly precious to me.

Much of my time for the past six months has been given to the choosing, buying, arranging

and cataloging of three small libraries. I should say in helping to do this, because I have had a good deal of help in this work. While at home on furlough a lady in Washington sent me \$25.00 to be used toward purchasing a circulation library for the boat. On my departure from Morgantown my own church there gave me \$25.00 to be used for the same purpose. Some small gifts brought this fund to a total of \$59.10. This sold for \$836.86 in Chinese currency. Instead of one library, this money was enough to provide three, one for the church inside the city, one for the church here on the compound, and the other for the boat. Each library was provided with 506 books, on hygiene and some economics, children's books, good novels and stories and books on biography.

The compound church holds four afternoon Sunday schools for outsiders, one in the open air in a suburb across the railroad, one in a rented room on a good residential street near here, one in a village about a mile from here, and the fourth in the church. It falls to my lot to go to the village. In good weather the meetings are held in the open. The children bring benches from their homes. They love to sing the Christian hymns and choruses.

Our W. M. S. at the compound has a study course one Tuesday in the month, follows the regular programs twice a month, and on the fourth Tuesday they have been making shoes for the orphanage in Soochow.

At the invitation of Miss Groves, I went early in July to Soochow to hold three days' meetings with the women at the Bing Hwo Jau where the Brittons used to work. The growth of the work there has been very encouraging.

—Lettie S. Hamlett, Wusih, China.

#### THE GREENS RETURN TO AFRICA

Dr. and Mrs. George Green, of Nigeria, after only three months' furlough in the homeland, will sail from New York on September 12th abroad the S. S. Zarembo, bound for West Africa. They are returning after this shortened furlough at their own initiative and insistence, because they realize the desperate need of workers in Africa, to which they have already given thirty-four glorious years of service. Passage has not yet been secured for the ten new missionaries under appointment for Africa, who are anxiously awaiting transportation to Lagos. May God speed the day when they may be able to sail and join forces with the faithful group of our missionaries now laboring in the Dark Continent.

#### TRAINING STUDENTS IN THE WAY OF LIFE

We visited the Boys' High School at Abeokuta on the morning of a beautiful day. Since its opening in 1923, the school has grown in numbers and efficiency under the splendid leadership of Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson. It is today an institution of importance and tremendous influence throughout the entire district. But expansion is now vitally necessary if the school is to function in a larger way.

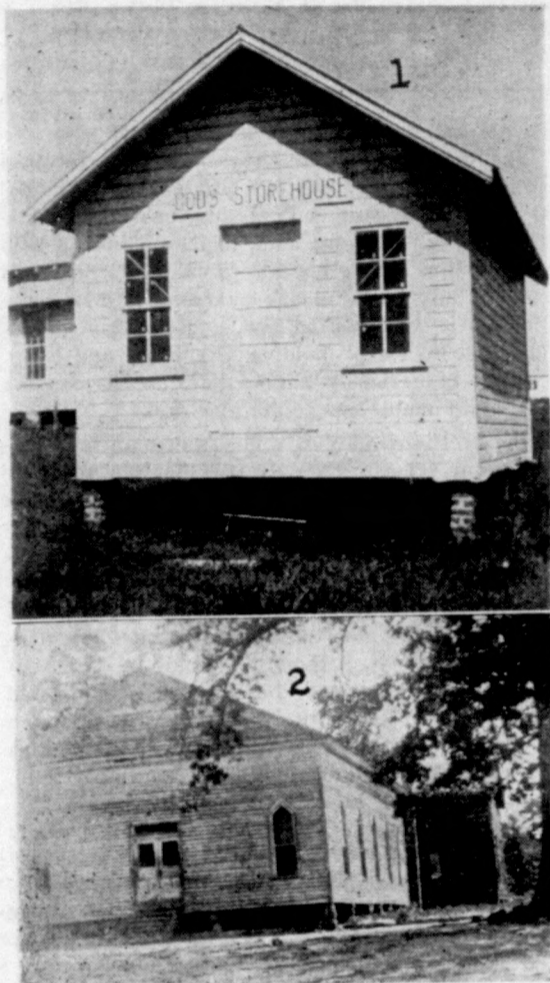
The students, both dormitory and day pupils, about 200 in all, are crowding the school to its capacity; and many have been denied admittance for lack of space. The boys are fine, manly looking fellows clad in their uniforms of khaki trousers and white shirts. Their eagerness for learning and their appreciation for the opportunities afforded them beam from bright, intelligent faces. Many of the boys from this school obtain the much coveted Cambridge Certificate. Indeed, this school ranks high in the number of students who pass this examination.

It is not the aim of our missionaries, however, to make education pre-eminent over Christianity. On the other hand, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have put the greater emphasis on training students in the Way of Life. As a result more than fifty of the former pupils have dedicated themselves to some definite Christian service; and more than twenty-five pastors and teachers in the Abeokuta district have been trained in the Boys' High School.—Gertrude Wright Andrews, in The Window of Y. W. A.

# STATE MISSIONS

W. M. U. WEEK OF PRAYER, SEPTEMBER 16-19

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY, OCTOBER 27



HONORING THE LORD WITH THE  
FIRSTFRUITS  
Mal. 3:10.

1. God's Storehouse, Harpersville, Miss.
2. Pine Grove Baptist Church, Lauderdale County. Church gives 40% to the Cooperative Program; 10% to local expenses, and 50% to the Pastor.

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Malachi 8-18.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I Corinthians 16:2.

"I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Let us end rebellion against God! We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 1% of monies into His services. Do you? Write us.

We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 2% of monies into His service. Do you? Write us.

We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 3% of monies into His service. Do you? Write us.

We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 4% of monies into His service. Do you? Write us.

We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 5% of monies into His service. Do you? Write us.

We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 6% of monies into His service. Do you? Write us.

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We do not know of one instance in the Word of God where God pronounces His blessings upon the bringing of 9 999/1000% of monies into His service. Do you? Write us.

It is always somewhere between 10% and 100%.

Let us end rebellion against God!

## II

We have never been an agitator in Baptist ranks. This you know. Before placing on the shelf for the time being two matters recently considered, we desire to make a few remarks.

Re: State B. S. U. Secretary. We must not displace our local campus secretaries. However, we have only two secretaries at Junior Colleges. What of the other nine? Then, there are Business Colleges filled with students, many of them from rural areas, and now "lost" in the cities. What of private schools and other denominational schools with many Baptist students? Then, there are colored students. To us the challenge and need are great for someone to harmonize all these needs. A State B. S. U. Secretary does that in some states!

The question of changing the Convention date came up for several reasons. It comes in the midst of harvest season. Some felt if it came so the Convention year could close after the harvest season it would allow a "finish up" emphasis.

Then, associations and conventions keep the Fall season from being the great full revival season it might otherwise be.

Further, two weeks is not enough time to balance the books, get and publish a careful audit with time to study it.

The winter season is not such a busy church season.

Finally, the Convention year closes with October, but our books close with December and the two are not audited with the published annual receipts.

## III

Privileged to be with Pastor W. A. Bell and Parkway people in the kind of a revival that does the heart good. A fast growing church facing a building program.

Large day congregations, and night audiences filled church and packed it.

Thirty-two additions. E. C. Edwards, Houston, singer. He rendered fine service. Brother and Mrs. Bell great leaders.

Spoke on "Growing a Christian Life" each morning, and "Overcoming the Devil" in evening services. Showed pictures of work at home and abroad.

## IV

You may write us for the following tracts:

## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND  
CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE  
1945

Slogan: "DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT OVER"

## I

No. 742 for \$36, No. 743 for \$36, No. 744 for \$36, each from a member of Natchez West Side Church (W.M.U.)

No. 560 for \$36, member Morrison Chapel, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 556 for \$36, No. 557 for \$36, No. 558 for \$36, No. 559 for \$36 each from a member of Cleveland, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 552 for \$36, No. 553 for \$36, No. 554 for \$36, No. 555 for \$36, No. 561 for \$36, No. 174 for \$50, No. 221 for \$100 each from a member of Skene, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 219 for \$50, No. 156 for \$100, Mt. Moriah Church in Choctaw County, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 590 for \$36, member Greenwood First Church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 216 for \$50, No. 153 for \$100, Concord Church in Choctaw County, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 217 for \$50, No. 218 for \$50, each from a member of French Camp Church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 230 for \$50, member Ackerman, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 220 for \$50, No. 221 for \$50, No. 228 for \$50, Beulah Church in Choctaw County, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 586 for \$36, McCurtain's Creek Church, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 591 for \$36, member Pontotoc, (Mrs. B. B. Hilbun).

No. 587 for \$36, No. 588 for \$36, No. 589 for \$36, No. 229 for \$50, No. 154 for \$100, No. 155 for \$100 each from a member of Sturgis, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 6 for \$500, No. 7 for \$500 each from a member of West Point, (McLaurin, field worker).

## EVANGELISTIC

"The Great Revival of 1800"—Allredge.

"The Great Awakening"—Allredge.

"The Great Revival in The Southern Armies"—Allredge.

"Going To Hell? Who Cares?"—McCall.

"How To Be Saved"—Dew.

"How May I Be Saved and Prove It"—Hamilton.

## DENOMINATIONAL

"Vital Essentials Worth Preserving"—Scarborough.

"The Supper Of Our Lord"—Truett.

## STEWARDSHIP

"How A Farmer May Tithe"—Lawrence.

"Scriptural Giving"—Turner.

"A Worthy Financial Program."

"God's Financial Plan"—Dodd.

"How The Co-operative Program Works"—Gilmore.

"Yes, The Co-operative Program is Scriptural"—Williams.

"If Southern Baptists Should Tithe"—Dillard.

"How To Make A Success of The Every Member Canvass."—Crouch.

## PROMOTIONAL

"Mississippi Baptists Pioneering"—Leavell and Bailey.

"Mississippi Baptists Get The Truth"—McCall.

"Objections To the Co-operative Program Answered"—Dillard.

"The Co-operative Program"—Dillard.

"Baptists Working Toward A World Program"—Crittendon (booklet).

"Promoting Our Program"—Dillard.

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# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

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We have just heard of the "going home" of Mrs. M. G. Kethley, a beloved sister of Miss Margaret M. Lackey. I know her friends will remember her during these days of loneliness.

This is an acknowledgment of a gift from the Eighth District to Miss Byrd on their twentieth anniversary meeting.

Dearest Mrs. Toler:

When I wrote to you about receiving the handsome love gift of the Eighth District of Mississippi, I told you that I would write to you later and tell you exactly how the money was spent. I am sure that you know how wild exchange has been in China and that in Chinese currency your gift was a very large one. I bought an organ for the College Sunday school. I think I told you that I was going to buy an organ. That organ has given us much, much pleasure. We have song books which my sister Annie Ward sent me. The students love to sing and they have greatly appreciated the organ.

The remainder of the money is enough to pay the tuition for a student for four years in college. My father was always interested in people and always felt that money invested in a person who would prove a contribution to the Christian cause was money well spent. At the same time I received the gift from you I received a gift from the Texas W. M. U. The Texas money was designated for use among the poor. That money was spent for food, etc., for the destitute. Since you left it with me to decide how to use the money which you sent, I thought I would use that amount for something more permanent rather than for relief. I think you would feel great satisfaction in realizing that you had paid for the education of some worthwhile Chinese. I have been waiting to see who the person would be. Thus far I have not found the person who qualifies and who needs the money. We will be giving entrance examinations and receiving applications this summer. I think there will be some student who will need the aid and who will qualify for the aid. Whenever I select the student I will write you about the student. I want you to know why I am holding the money. I do want to make a wise investment and I think you would rather I would hold the money until I felt I had found the best place for it. I hope that this idea pleases you. If for some reason I do not find a qualified student I will tell you how I do spend the money. The money is deposited with the banking department of the American Express where I consider it to be safe.

Greetings to the nine W. M. U.'s of District Eight.

Sincerely yours,  
Juanita Byrd

Y. W. A. FOCUS WEEK

First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.

Tuesday: We held our regular weekly meeting. Sixteen members were present. We planned our focus week activities after hearing of the benefits other organizations had received from "focus week."

Wednesday: We took our parents to prayer meeting and sat in a group.

Thursday: We went to the Union Mission where we cleaned and refurnished a room. We bought screening for the window and a screen porch, shades and curtains for the window and door, a table lamp, wall pictures, scarfs, pillow slips, sheets, towels, and toilet articles. We were pleased to find that our assistance was so gratefully appreciated.

Friday: We had a study course at Percy Quin Park. Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt of Summit taught the course, using "The Stranger Within Our Gates," by J. F. Plainfield. After the class the girls enjoyed swimming, boat riding, tennis, and ping pong. We were really refreshed by an outing in such a beautiful natural park.

Saturday: We arranged flowers for the church.

Sunday: We went to Sunday school and sat in a group at the preaching service.

My dear friends:

Two and a half months after reaching my destination is a bit late to thank you for your prayer help in leaving home and for the long journey. I thought to come back was something that I just could not do, but a still small voice kept whispering, "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance" and after a few days I was enabled to say, "Dear Lord, certainly I went to China because of your calling and if you have not changed your mind about that call I must not change mine, and since your yoke is easy and your burden is light there will be all the grace that I need to again pull away from my mother and the other dear ones who seem to need me." When the day came there was grace abounding for my needs and for those left behind. Praises to Him and thanks to you who were praying.

The forty days journey back ended with great joy for again I was in the midst of brothers and sisters because they have been born into the family of God through faith in Christ. Some new faces were in the church congregation and others for whom I had prayed I found among the saints. Some of you will recall my speaking of an experience in going to a home where the only Christian was the youngest of three sons and he working away from home. The last time I went, before furlough, no one would listen. The old mother sat by a table in the yard and continued folding and patting the clothes preparing them to be beaten on a stone slab—their method of ironing. Knowing that I could not return soon, I was puzzled what to do. Thought I, "what would Jesus do were He here?" A pause—"He has promised to go where I go to tell people about Him so He is here!" It occurred to me to sit down and help with the clothes. Of course the old lady protested and all the grandchildren and some of the daughters-in-law gathered round to see the "foreigner" fold and "pat" the clothes. When I picked out an old style American shirt and folded its double cuffs properly and turned the collar as it should be and smoother, they opened wide their eyes and said, "Well, we never have known what to do with that foreign shirt!" They were then ready to listen.

The first woman to come to see me on my arrival was this woman. Apologizing for not waiting until I could get unpacked and rested a bit, she said she had such good news to bring me that she just couldn't wait. "I am now saved!" Then with joy she told about her older son having been converted when on a visit to the younger who is a pillar of the church in a county seat forty miles from here, and of this coming home and leading her to the Saviour. The older son had told Mr. Connerly before my arrival that he was anxious to see Miss Smith's face, that he had often seen her back going into their home at which time he escaped. I see his back now since nothing but the front seat in church satisfies him! His wife and son have also been baptized and the son of another brother. The boy said, "Miss Smith do you remember that time you came to our house and 'preached hell'? I

did not believe then but I do now."

The neighbor across the street who received me into his home when our buildings were bombed and later became a Christian, passed on while I was away. A young man, nephew came to help care for him during his last days. When he found uncle calmly facing death unafraid, enjoying the Bible as it was read to him, and saw him peacefully "Go to sleep" holding His Bible and hymn book, he immediately wanted to know the Saviour who could enable one to die unafraid.

The brother-in-law of this young man is a senior in our school. His wife was not pleased over her brother becoming a Christian. A few weeks ago the husband came to me under deep conviction of sin. After he had prayed through to assurance and joy I urged him to begin family worship in his own room with his wife even though he might not be able to do so with the whole non-Christian family. Although I knew of the attitude of the wife toward her brother, I suggested that she might kneel with him in prayer, to which he replied, "She did last night!" A few days ago when I asked about her he smilingly said, "Oh, she is just eager to know the Saviour!"

"Some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame": "If ye love me feed my sheep"; and "Commit the word to faithful men who are able to teach others" were the words most often in my mind the last days in the homeland and during the journey back.

Five hundred students were ready to listen to the messages on sin and the Saviour at the two chapels which I have led daily, and students in the daily Bible classes have eagerly received the word.

The second week after my arrival a series of meetings was led by Dr. Gillespie of Kaifeng during which many professions were made. Then came the personal work necessary in making as sure as we can they were really passing from death unto life before being received into the church. From then until examination began, the evenings and all out of school hours were given to this work. The chair and floor opposite my flat topped desk have been stained by many a tear as one by one they came and poured out their burden of sin to the Lord. However, I was confident that some did not go to the bottom and went away perhaps trusting in Christ as Saviour but to live a life void of the victory in testimony which is their privilege to enjoy.

The first Sunday in June more than fifty were baptized about thirty of whom were from our school. When I saw a number of high school boys, coming along the city streets carrying their change of clothing for the baptismal service I realized that for those, who were the first fruits of their families it was a real test. Yet I was glad that the Lord had not made following Him easy.

Bertha Smith.

(Continued next week)

The church paid all the expenses of Pastor J. C. Wells, Lafayette, La., for a vacation trip to the northwest Pacific coast.

Evangelistic Singer Robt. L. Cooper has been in a good meeting with Pastor Wade Smith in Fifth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; and another with Pastor O. C. Cooper in Greenfield, Tenn. He is ready for another. Address Aberdeen, Miss.

A year or more ago Pastor W. M. Nevins, Box 155, Lexington, Ky., published a fine treatment on "Alien Baptism and the Baptists." He is offering now to send a copy of it at half price, that is fifty cents, as long as they last. Cash must accompany order. Another edition will be published later.

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## Sunday School Department

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### October and Training

October is almost here and with it  
comes the Fall month for special  
emphasis on Sunday school training  
courses. All schools should plan  
for their people to be well trained.  
And, if the superintendent and other  
officers do not make definite plans  
for this, there will be little, if any,  
of this done.

The new Sunday school year be-  
gins with October. Since this is  
true, there are usually new workers  
in the organization. These may have  
never served in that place before.  
Therefore, they are in most urgent  
need of training. No one can do the  
best work unless he knows how.

And even for those who are not  
new, courses need to be planned for  
them so that a continuation of their  
training program can be assured.  
The special books to major on in  
October are the ones on Administra-  
tion and Department work. These  
groups give very specific help to  
officers in all departments and clas-  
ses. Then, too, all those attending  
get a vision of the Sunday school  
program in its entirety, which is  
needed.

Plan your definite week for your  
training course. Decide as to the  
book you will use. Talk it up among  
the people. Advertise it at every  
opportunity. Get the people talking  
about it, and have them commit  
themselves to attend. There are no  
requirements as to who shall teach.  
Anyone may teach any book who  
will, and get the credit on it for  
having taught it. Don't fail to have  
the school in October.

Order all books from the Baptist  
Book Store, Jackson.

### Promotion Day

Promotion Day in the Sunday  
school is the last Sunday in Septem-  
ber. A splendid suggested program  
for that day appears on pages 29  
and 30 of the September issue of the  
Builder. Plan for the day to be a

great one when the grading lines  
are properly observed so that all  
people in the school will be most  
suitably situated.

### State Mission Day

Sunday, October 27, is State Mis-  
sion Day in the Sunday schools. A  
program for that day has gone from  
the Sunday School Board to every  
superintendent in the state.

This program has very helpful  
material for giving facts and figures  
on State Mission work that will be  
informing to us all. Each school  
should have one or more meetings  
of the officers and teachers and  
make plans for observing the day.  
This special program that has been  
sent out should be put on in what-  
ever way the workers of each school  
feel will be best for that school.

Then, there has gone out from  
the state headquarters a package  
containing a large chart to be put  
up in a conspicuous place in the  
church for useful advertising of the  
day. Also in the package is a let-  
ter and some leaflets. If additional  
leaflets are desired, write Rev. D.  
A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.,  
and they will be sent.

In observing State Mission Day,  
place emphasis on the special offer-  
ing that will be taken for the pur-  
pose of helping the mission work in  
our own state. There are two phases  
of the day: One is the educational  
feature through the printed pro-  
gram; the other is the special offer-  
ing. Make each the very finest  
possible, and that will come only  
through definitely planning for  
them, and doing it well in advance.

### PHILADELPHIA FEASTS

One of the most outstanding soci-  
al features ever inaugurated by  
the First Baptist church of this city  
was the banquet given by the offi-  
cers and teachers of the Young  
People's Department honoring those  
of the group who were leaving for  
the various colleges and universities.

The banquet was under the direct  
supervision of Miss Jessie O'Quinn,  
social director and Mrs. J. M. Lofton,  
superintendent. The intermediate  
auditorium was the place of meeting  
and covers were laid for seventy  
guests. Special guests for the oc-  
casion were Rev. and Mrs. Charles  
Hamlett, Decatur, Rev. and Mrs. R.  
K. Corder, the pastor and Mr. and  
Mrs. Walker Jones, Mr. Jones, being  
superintendent of the Sunday school.

Clever and unique were the dec-  
orations used in the table arrange-  
ment, the center presenting a modern  
Mississippi Highway system, some  
parts of which were still under con-  
struction, requiring a detour, as it  
wended its way down a tree lined  
avenue. Bright colored cars travel-  
ing at a moderate rate of speed  
traversed this through afare remind-  
one of the trekking back of the col-  
lege students as they were halted  
by the hitch-hiker along the route.  
This highway was marked by usual  
Mississippi rural scenes. The speak-  
ers table presented another mode of  
travel, the railway, the festive  
board being centered with a modern  
depot scene including spur lines,  
crossing signs and etc with the  
south's crack train "The Rebel"  
awaiting the students, many leaving  
for college for the first time.

Thanks was offered Mr. Jones as  
the guests assembled around the  
table and as the four course feast  
was served, Miss O'Quinn as toast-  
mistress kept up a round of merri-  
ment with a number of clever stunts.  
Musical numbers were given by  
Misses Phylliss Johnson and Marie  
Williamson. Rev. Corder gave the  
names of the thirty-nine students  
who are leaving from this church  
for school and named the school they  
will attend.

The inspirational message was  
given by Rev. Hamlet who after a  
few clever humorous remarks launch-  
ed into a serious vein bringing a  
most timely discourse. His talk  
was preceded by an appropriate  
message in song by Mrs. Hamlet.  
The benediction was given by Walter  
McCraw.

A. B. Mc.

### DESOTO COUNTY

The Hernado Baptist Church has  
just closed a Revival with 36 addi-  
tions. A Baptist training union was  
organized and an attendance of 75  
was present the first night.

The Oak Grove Baptist Church  
closed a fine revival last week with  
Bro. Milton Whitten of Hernando  
preaching.

The northwest Mississippi Pas-  
tor's conference opened its first  
meeting this fall, September 10, at  
Sardis. Six pastors were present  
and a report of Summer work made.  
All pastors of this section are urged  
to attend the next conference at  
Sardis on Tuesday after the second  
Sunday in October.

Rev. Andy Hardy preached at both  
services in the Central Ave. Baptist  
Church, Memphis, Tenn., September  
15. Bro. Hardy is pastor at Horn  
Lake, Miss.

The first County wide B. T. U.  
rally of DeSoto Association will  
meet at Hernando at 2:00 o'clock,  
Sunday afternoon, October 6. All  
churches need to be present and

hear Auber J. Wilds, the State B. T.  
U. secretary.

Rev. Calvin Meacham of Center  
Hill, DeSoto County will be married,  
September 29 at the new Brunswick  
Baptist Church in Shelby County,  
Tennessee.

The Stateline Baptist Church at  
Olive Branch has made many strides  
since Bro. James Riley has moved  
on the field. The church has set  
a goal of \$2200 for Sunday School  
Annex. The church has gone above  
their yearly budget already.

### HOULKA

An average number attended Sun-  
day School and a large number at-  
tended church, both day and night  
services.

Nearly all members of the B. T.  
U. were present Sunday night and  
all members of the Intermediate  
class were present.

Mary Embrey Brown, Reporter.

Father: "Son, did you have the  
car out last night?"

Son: "Yes, Dad; I took some of the  
boys for a ride."

Father: "Well, tell them I've  
found two of their lipsticks."

### "BUILD-UP" IMPORTANT PROTECTOR OF WOMEN

A weak, undernourished condition  
often enables function dysmenor-  
rhea to get a foothold; thus leads  
to much of woman's suffering from  
headaches, nervousness, and other  
periodic discomfort.

CARDUI'S principal help for such  
distress comes from the way it  
usually stimulates appetite, and in-  
creases flow of gastric juice; thus  
aids digestion; helps build energy,  
strength, physical resistance to  
periodic pain for many.

Another way, many women find  
help for periodic distress: Take  
CARDUI a few days before and dur-  
ing "the time." Women have used  
CARDUI for more than 50 years!

## OCTOBER IS TRAINING MONTH!

**Plan now** for all present and prospective officers and teachers  
in your Sunday school to have an opportunity to  
study a good book during October. It is the be-  
ginning of the Sunday school year and during the month special atten-  
tion will be given to the study of the general Administration and  
Department Books of the Training Course for Sunday School Workers.

**Teach** these books: Two Department books are required for the  
complete or Gold Seal Diploma. All books 60 cents in  
durable cloth binding, 40 cents in paper binding at your  
Baptist Book Store.

### Administration

*Building a Standard Sun-  
day School*, by Arthur  
Flake  
*Sunday School Officers and  
Their Work*, by Arthur  
Flake  
*The True Functions of the  
Sunday School*, by Ar-  
thur Flake  
*A Church Using Its Sun-  
day School*, by J. N.  
Barnette

### Department Books

**FOR ADULT WORKERS**  
ADMINISTRATION  
*The Adult Department  
of the Sunday School*,  
by William P. Phillips  
TEACHING  
*Teaching Adults in the  
Sunday School*, by  
Gaines S. Dobbins

### FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION  
*The Young People's De-  
partment of the Sun-  
day School*, by Wil-  
liam P. Phillips  
TEACHING  
*Teaching Young People  
in the Sunday School*,  
by W. L. Howse

### FOR EXTENSION WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION  
*The Extension Depart-  
ment of the Sunday  
School*, by Joseph T.  
Watts

### FOR INTERMEDIATE WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION  
*Intermediate Sunday  
School Work*, by Mary  
Virginia Lee

### TEACHING

*The Art of Teaching  
Intermediates*, by Ina  
S. Lambdin

### FOR JUNIOR WORKERS

TEACHING  
*Guiding Junior Boys and  
Girls in the Sunday  
School*, by Myrtle  
Owens Looney

### FOR PRIMARY WORKERS

TEACHING  
*Guiding the Primary  
Child in the Sunday  
School*, by Emma Pet-  
tey

### FOR CRADLE ROLL- BEGINNER WORKERS

TEACHING  
*Guiding the Little Child  
in the Sunday School*,  
by Elizabeth McEwen  
Shields

## Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for September 22nd  
"THE VOICE OF WISDOM"  
Bible Lesson: Prov. 4

Introduction: The Book of Proverbs is the greatest collection of wise sayings in the world. It has been printed in pamphlet form for distribution times without number. There are those who say that even if there were no God, and the proverbs had no religious significance they would still make up the greatest volume of worldly wisdom ever collected. I am stating now, without approving, personally I do not believe that any wisdom which comes not from God is other than devilish. Divorce from God any teaching you please and it becomes earthly, sensual, devilish. But regard this Book of Proverbs as being God-breathed, and as an instrument of the Spirit of the living God, and you have the finest book for the daily guidance of the life that has ever been written in this field.

The Proverbs are commonly regarded as having been written, or at least collected, by Solomon. Our friends, the critics chopped the Book up into sections, and assigned one portion of it to one period in Jewish history, and the production of another portion of it to another period. All this may be of interest to the critical student, but the practical value of this book consists in the sound counsel which it gives the Christian young man towards the shaping of his conduct as a witness for his Lord.

The chapter for today is the 4th in the book. Let us look at it in larger detail.

### I. A Parental Exultation—Vs. 1-9.

In these verses the writer represents himself as a father instructing his children in the way that is right. He represents himself as having been instructed by a good father and as having been trained by a loving mother. His parents have thus qualified him to give instruction to his children, and he instructs them to attend now unto what he has to say.

The pith of his plea to them is "Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee." Verses 5-6.

You will notice that in his personification of wisdom the author makes it feminine, but it is interesting to note that elsewhere in the wisdom literature of the Hebrews, as well as in the literature of pagan peoples, wisdom is spoken of in the masculine gender, and the name Wisdom as the name of a person has been applied to our Lord ten thousand times. The Jewish people themselves regarded Wisdom in some such sense as we regard a divine personality, and when this author speaks of Wisdom he speaks of what he conceives to be at least one of the characteristics of God. And that is why I regard this Book of

Proverbs as a religious book which, divorced from the idea of God, and the religious ideal, has no meaning. To the irreligious heart, it might conceivably bring a sense of that heart's lack of God, and in for this reason it might prove a blessing to him, but the irreligious, the Godless young man who would take this book as a manual of advice, by which to shape the course of his godless life would thereby undertake to steer a course never imagined by the author of this book. The first nine verses of this chapter, then, consist of an exhortation by a religious father to his children to seek God, and the wisdom of God, which cometh down from above. It conveys the fine lesson to the religious father than he can give nothing else of so much worth to his child as this estimate of God's wisdom, and an earnest exhortation to follow it. The application I am making of these verses is a strong plea for religious instruction in the home.

### II. Two Ways Contrasted—Vs. 10-19

"Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many." Verse 10.

But is it so, "the years of thy life shall be many"? Does the good man live longer than the evil? Would statistics show that good people live longer than the bad? Would this prove true even if you excluded from the reckoning all those who get themselves hanged? My personal opinion is that it is emphatically true. The women who live good lives live longer than the women who live evil lives; the men who live good religious lives live longer than the men who do not. Oh, I know it's possible to find exceptions. A succession of good fathers ends up in a bad son who lives a great number of years, but he lives long because of the inherited soundness which is his legacy from a sober fatherhood.

Again, the good live more in the same length of time than the evil do. Not only the quantity of life, but the quality of it counts; not only the continuity but the intensity is significant. He who keeps his heart in tune with the heart of God, and walks the path lighted by the eye of the Almighty will experience the finest sensations, think with God the loftiest thoughts, and purpose with him the finest resolutions so that a year of living with God is better than a decade of living with the evil.

But there are the evil, and theirs is the evil way. They love to do mischief, it is their meat and drink to practice wrong. Their eating and their drinking is to the purpose that their lives might be filled with vice and violence. Now this is the picture of the godless and irreligious everywhere. Into the path in which they walk the wise man exhorts his disciples not to enter; because that path darkens into gross blackness and a starless, endless night. Whereas the path of the just, the good, the godly is like the deepening light of the dawning day.

I recall a night which I some years ago spent on the highway between Baton Rouge and New Orleans in a car whose lights had gone dead. The highway at that time followed the twists and turns of

the levee, and I could not drive in the dark, for fear I would get into the ditch on one side or the other. All night I called at one house after another for help, and was refused more or less courteously at every one of them. Then at long last the darkness began to turn gray, and as that light waxed I thanked God for the dawn. In the light of that dawn I drove in to my home, and ever since I have had a new appreciation of the statement "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more into the perfect day." Vs. 18.

### III. A Thumbnail Sketch of the Right Life—Verses 20-27.

In these verses the father begins by strictly enjoining a continuance in good ways. This continuance is to be kept by attention to the words of instruction and retention of the same words in the eyes of the mind and the core of the heart. Get instruction, and practice what you get; acquire wisdom, and then live by that acquirement. Only those who do these things really live; only those who do these things have real health.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Verse 23. "The heart is the inner man." The writers of the Old Testament speak of it as the seat of thought, of affections, and the will. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If a young man will think the good, will love the good, will purpose the good, as our Lord did, then can he say with the Lord "The prince of this world . . . hath nothing in me."

"Lift thine eyelids look straight before thee." Verse 25. This is now the word of sound counsel, no excursions to right or left; purpose straight forward; effort straight forward; ideals straight forward, and all under the direction of God.

### LUMBERTON

The Lumberton Baptist Church has just closed a most successful Revival meeting, which began on Sunday, August 11, and closed the following Sunday night with the Pastor, Rev. J. W. Wood preaching and Mr. Lamar Alexander formerly of Louisville, Ky. but now of B. B. I. New Orleans, La. leading the singing. There were 31 additions to the church, 25 coming for baptism and 6 by letter. Never in the history of the church has there been a finer series of sermons.

Brother Alexander has a fine voice which is being trained at B. B. I. He is at present Choir Director at the Valence Street Baptist Church. His leadership of the young people was wonderful and greatly enjoyed by all.

The church here is indeed fortunate in securing Bro. Wood as Pastor. He is a native of La. Received his education at La. College, Pineville and at B. B. I. coming to us just after he finished his theological course there. He is a young man of great promise, deeply spiritual and under his leadership we feel that the church is going to do a great service for the Kingdom of God.

Our church has recently had the interior redecorated which is very

pleasing and restful. The installing of a venetian blind in the East window was greatly needed and appreciated. The window is lovely but the blind was needed to give the proper lighting to the auditorium.

Mrs. C. M. Kelly.

### A PREACHER'S SON

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

He is a preacher's son, married and father of a child. He had been out of work more than a year, and the father was having a hard time trying to support his own family and his son's. Then came the serious illness, and the doctor said surgery was necessary. The preacher called us on long distance phone, said he could pay nothing, but asked that we admit the young man. He came, was given the same excellent service any patient gets, recovered, and is at home: the beneficiary of Southern Baptist benevolence.

It is to serve such cases that the Southern Baptist Hospital was established; and we cared for more than 35 such poor sufferers every day last month, at a cost of nearly \$200 each day. Quite a Christian ministry; that.

### A. P. YARBOROUGH

One of God's good men, Arthur P. Yarborough, son of John and Mary E. Yarborough, was called from his home in Pickens, August 26, 1940, to be at home with the Lord. For more than a quarter of a century he had made his home in Pickens where he was respected and honored. Here he filled various positions of trust and honor, such as school trustee, both local and county-wide, alderman, member of the county hospital board. He was known as a successful business man and was found on the right side of every moral question. He was a good citizen and will be sadly missed in the civic, social, business and religious life of his community. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, serving for many years as Sunday school teacher and deacon. He was conscientiously loyal to his pastor.

He was married to Miss Katie Lou Shepherd of Richland, who survive him with two lovely daughters, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Brookhaven, and Mrs. Ras Branch, Goodman. His brother, W. F. Yarborough, pastor of Pickens Baptist Church, is the oldest of six children and the only one still living. In a lucid moment on the afternoon before his death he said, "I am going home to glory." "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

—Pastor.

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Pupil: There's Santa Claus.

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# FROM NIGERIA, AFRICA

My dear friends:

Many thanks for your letter, the literature, and also the Record which comes regularly. The pastors and teachers are very pleased to have these helps. I am very centrally located here and pastors are constantly passing back and forth and are always so pleased for any reading material that they receive, and are very grateful to those who provide it for them.

Miss Perry, the principal of the Baptist Girls' School, spent a week with me this month and she went carefully through all the papers, literature, etc., which I still have on hand and classified it, and made up parcels to send out to many of our workers. She also made up a collection for the Baptist Girls' School and seemed so pleased to have it for the reading room. I should like very much if we can have more picture rolls. They are very useful indeed and we do not get any of them out here now as we once did. A few weeks ago I went to a village church where one of our trained women works, and she had a huge Sunday school class of little children. She was using a much worn and dilapidated picture roll, but one child after another was able to stand and give the Bible story which the picture illustrated. It was a splendid demonstration of what can be taught with Bible pictures. Our people beg for these helps.

Yes, practically all of our pastors and teachers speak some English, and many of them do it very well, even more correctly than we do ourselves. It is good that they know English for these is so little printed in the native languages for them to use.

I have had the very unusual experience of building a house this year. The money was given by the W. M. U. of Virginia to begin W. M. U. Headquarters for Nigeria. The house is almost complete now and I am moving in little by little. It is a lovely spot and the view is wonderful. The mission secured the entire hill and there are more than 12 acres in it. I have a nice vegetable garden with plenty vegetables now, and I have an orchard started with more than 60 fruit trees. I have done little about flowers and trees yet, for I want the builders off the premises before I begin that work. I love flowers and plants so much that it is a great personal blow for any one to tread on one, and I would have many fights out there if the workman walked over my plants and they have no appreciation whatever for such things. I am delighted with the house and the surroundings as well.

You inquired about my state. I am a South Carolinian. I was due to have gone home in April but stayed on because of the new building and other work I wished to see finished before sailing for America. I understand that now no ladies will be allowed to come to Nigeria nor to leave Nigeria as long as the war continues, so I may be here for a long time yet. I keep well and very happy in my work and there is really no need for me to leave the field, and there are some

who need to go and they, of course, will be given first place on the sailing list.

Again I thank you for the help you are giving us through the literature, etc., which you are sending to us here. It is most kind of you and we are indeed very grateful to you for it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Neale C. Young

You asked how long I have been a missionary to Nigeria. I was appointed June 1920.

## AMORY HONORS PASTOR

In appreciation of the pastoral services of the Rev. J. F. Measells, the Baptist congregation honored him with a picnic supper in the social hall of the church Wednesday night at 8:30. Mrs. Measells was included in the courtesy so worthily bestowed.

The picnic spread was in charge of the social committee of the Missionary Society. All attending carried well filled baskets. Following the supper and the hilarity accompanying it, all assembled in the auditorium for a program of talks, music and hymns. Accompanied by Miss Myrtle Earl, church pianist, James Sullivan gave a vocal selection. Talks were made by W. R. Smith, E. L. Duren, K. I. Allen, and others, in which fitting tributes were paid the pastor, and many expressions of appreciation for his work during the ten years were in evidence.

The church presented him and his excellent wife with a purse of \$20.00. Both were greatly surprised as they knew absolutely nothing of plans to that effect. However, they did know that an annual get-together had been planned for the evening.

## Measells Returns To Amory For Second Pastorate

John F. Measells probably delivered his first sermons after he graduated from college right here in Amory. The congregation was rather small at that time and an ordinary frame building, with an annex of two or three small Sunday school rooms accommodated the membership. He and Mrs. Measells did a wonderful work then, considering their youth and experience. After leaving Amory they continued to broaden and grow in grace and religious activities, and the local church was fortunate to again secure their services after they had served other fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Measells are the parents of three daughters, John Ethel, who teaches in Oxford High School, Mrs. Charles Pickle (Jean) or Amory, and Katherine (Sunshine) sophomore in Blue Mountain College.

## PARKWAY, JACKSON, AND WALNUT GROVE

Last week, September 1st through 8th, I enjoyed a wonderful meeting with the fine people and wonderful pastor of Parkway Baptist Church of Jackson, with Rev. D. A. "Scotch" McCall doing the preaching. We found a most wonderful fellowship in the Parkway church, and a spirit of friendship which I trust

shall soon prevail in each and every church throughout the earth. God worked and the lost found Christ as the Saviour of their souls. Many others came placing their letters in the church to work in that great section of that fair city for our Lord and Master.

There were 32 that came into the church during the meeting and we feel that many more will be coming into the church soon, as the fine pastor, brother W. A. Bell and his untiring wife continue their labors there. I have not been with a pastor who is more alert in his work. Brother Bell is doing a great work and his people love him deeply. The church is growing at a rapid rate and may the Master continue His choicest blessings upon this great pastor and his people. Through the past several weeks and months it has been our happy privilege to be in a number of good meetings. It was a delight to be with Dr. Patterson of Clinton and Mississippi College, the dearly beloved Bible teacher of Mississippi College. We were with him in his church at Walnut Grove, and what a fine new church that is. We found a wonderful spirit there and the Lord gave us many additions during the meeting. Rev. W. A. Bell was the visiting preacher for that meeting and what a great week of preaching he did. There were 28 additions to the church and the Spirit ran high throughout the week. God bless Dr. Patterson and his church at Walnut Grove.

We moved on from here to Reform, Ala., where we were with Rev. B. B. Burks, pastor at Reform and Gordo, Ala., and doing a fine work. Rev. Burks is a Southern Seminary man and had a fine young preacher who finished the Louisville Seminary this year to do the preaching for the meeting. We saw some 28 persons walk the aisles for Christ during the Reform meeting and a goodly number of those coming for baptism came out of our young people's choir. Oh, what a joy it is to this singer's heart as people walk the aisle taking our Lord as their Lord too.

I have only had about 40 days since the 9th of March that I have not been in a meeting somewhere working for my Lord. And now, I

take this line to say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless His Holy name."

I am happy in His work.

Earl C. Edwards, Singer

## PILGRIM'S REST

We've just completed a sweeping spiritual revival at Pilgrim's Rest Church, Copiah County.

Rev. A. B. Pierce, of Crystal Springs, preached an uncompromising gospel that had a mighty convicting power. 18 members added to the church. 17 by baptism, 1 by letter. Many rededicated their lives.

Rev. I. L. Clark, Mississippi College student and Mission Evangelist in Louisiana, led the song. The crowds increased each day to overflowing on the last night, manifesting a desire of the people to hear the true gospel preached. God has graciously blessed our people.

Sunday, following the close of the revival, Pilgrim's Rest began full-time work. Record crowds of 126 at Sunday school; 131 at B. Y. P. U., testified to the enthusiasm that the revival service and full-time church work wrought in our people.

Three additions by letter Sunday. Sunday night the membership voted and raised the funds to paint the church. Doxology.

The people of Pilgrim's Rest are finding a mounting joy in going the "second mile" for Christ. We pray that the revival spirit with which God has so bountifully showered us, will continue to live and grow in our church.

Riley Munday, Pastor.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS—

(Continued from page 7)

### MISSIONARY

"Mine Own Vineyard Have I Not Kept"—State Missions—McCall.

"Southern Baptists in Nigeria"—Foreign Missions.

"Southern Baptists In Japan."

"Southern Baptists In Europe."

"Southern Baptists In China."

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MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

You'll find something on our page this week that you've never seen here before. It's a recipe. And this is the reason for its appearance now. It occurred to me that you might have a friend or neighbor who has been ill, whose appetite needs stimulating. Probably you have already visited her and taken flowers too, but you'd like to do something to encourage recovery in a practical way. This recipe is simple and the custard is wholesome. I've seen folk with faint appetites eat it and enjoy it. You could try it on your home-folk. They appreciate attention themselves.

We also have a game called "Who Am I?" After you have answered these, try making one yourself. It's fun. Then too, I'd like for you to see what the names of Bible places mean to you. First, see how many you can answer without any help and then find the others in your Bible. If you are interested in making friends and keeping friends. This ABC of Friendship might appeal to you.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele

## The ABC's of Friendship

Always think of others first.  
Be punctual in all your appointments.  
Control your feelings at all times.  
Dare to stand for the right.  
Envy no one.  
Find ways to make others happy.  
Go out of your way to be agreeable and helpful.  
Have ideas, but don't force them on others.  
Interest yourself in the hobbies of your friends.  
Judge only after you have all the facts.  
Keep your troubles to yourself.  
Learn to listen more than you talk.  
Make it a habit to be cheerful.  
Never gossip or speak unkindly of others.  
Own up to your mistakes.  
Play the game fairly.  
Quickly rise to defend the weak.  
Rejoice in the good fortune of your friends.  
See the good points in others.  
Train yourself to be impartial in your judgments.  
Under all circumstances be courteous.  
Value people for their worth, not merely for their wealth.  
Work hard.  
Exercise temperance in all things.  
Yield graciously when you are in the wrong.  
Zealously keep your promises.

By Ruth Anderson.

## Bible Study

Isaac: A man of Peace. Genesis 26.

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Romans 12:18.

There was a famine in the land of Canaan, so Isaac moved from Canaan for awhile to Gerar. Abraham, his father, had once lived there many years before. Isaac sowed seed in the field. It grew and he reaped a great harvest because the Lord blessed him. The Lord also made him rich, giving him flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and many servants. But the Philistines who lived in Gerar envied him and the king of the country came to him and asked him to leave. Therefore, Isaac left them and settled down in the valley of Gerar. There his servants found the wells which Abraham, his father, had dug, and cleaned them out, for the Philistines had filled them with earth. He called them by the same names that his father had called them. His servants also dug in the valley and found a well of run-

ning water, but the herdsmen of that country claimed it. Isaac called that well contention, because the Philistines quarrelled about it and took it for their own. Again Isaac's servants dug a well, for it was very necessary that they have water for the large flocks and herds, but again the Philistines took it from him. Isaac named that well, Enmity. Moving again, he dug another well, and was allowed to keep this one. He called the name of it Broad Places, because he said God had made room for him. He went from there to Beersheba and that night the Lord appeared to him as said "Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you." Isaac built an altar and worshipped and set up his tent there.

## Let's Play A Game. We Will Call It "Who Am I?"

I am a little man.  
Nobody liked me because I was not honest.  
I climbed a tree to see Jesus.  
Jesus came to my house and was kind to me.  
Now I am an honest man.  
Who am I?

I am a hard working woman.  
I have a brother named Lazarus, and a sister, Mary.  
Jesus came to visit our Bethany home.  
I worked hard to get dinner.  
Who am I?

I am one of Jesus twelve disciples.  
I wrote one of the four gospels.  
I left my business as fisherman to follow Jesus.  
I am called the beloved disciple.  
I am an old man in exile.  
Who am I?

My home was in a beautiful garden.  
My children never had any grandparents.  
I ate forbidden fruit.  
I invited my husband to eat also.  
Now, I have been driven out of the garden.  
Who am I?  
Now, you ask an "Who Am I?"

## What Do These Names Mean To You?

What was Shushan?  
What happened at Marah?  
What happened at Patmos?  
What happened at Mt. Sinai?  
What happened at Bethlehem?  
Who lived at Bethany?  
What happened at Capernaum?  
What happened at Bethel?

## Is There Anyone Sick at Your House?

Whether there is or not, you might like to try making this baked custard, for the well ones like it too. It tastes as good as it is good for you.

Scald two cups of sweet milk. Do not allow milk to boil, but bring it to boiling point. While milk is cooling, break three eggs in bowl, add pinch of salt and beat well. Add one half cup of sugar and beat again. Pour scalded milk into mixture gradually, beat well and flavor with 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. The baking is probably the most important thing in making this custard. Pour mixture into buttered baking dish, place baking dish in pan of hot water and cook in very slow oven for forty-five minutes or until knife blade dipped in custard comes out clean. A spoonful of jelly on each serving dresses it up a bit and adds to the flavor.

Jackson, Miss.,  
Sept. 6, 1940.

Children's Circle:  
Please accept our thanks for your

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Sincerely yours,  
W. G. Mize, Supt.  
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September 6, 1940.

Mrs. X. O. Steele  
Magee, Mississippi  
Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is receipt for the \$4.60 from the Children's Circle of Mississippi, given by them to aid an eager and worthy young woman studying here at the Baptist Bible Institute for the greatest service to our Saviour. Please as you have opportunity thank them for us.

From present indications we may expect an even greater school this next session. The number of applications is most encouraging. We earnestly pray that God will send to us those who ought to come and keep from us those who would not be an honor to him.

Again thanking you and each one who had share in the gift, I am

Yours gratefully,  
W. W. Hamilton, President

## CALHOUN BAPTISTS MEET

The 65th Session of the Calhoun Baptist Association was held September 10-11 with Bethany Church, the oldest church in the association organized in 1836.

Deacon Bradford Murphree, Pittsboro, was elected Moderator, his 8th consecutive term. Prof. E. A. Dye, Meridian Church, was elected Clerk, his 17th consecutive term, and T. B. Flanagan, Pittsboro Church, was elected treasurer, his 6th consecutive term.

Twenty-four preachers from six Mississippi counties and three states were present, along with an audience of 400 representing every community in the county.

The 45 churches in the county made reports of 342 baptized, and a total membership of 7,700. A very pleasing feature was the reception of 3 new churches, Benela, 40 members, 18 of them reported baptized this year: Oak Grove, 19 members, 6 baptized, and Pleasant Grove, 49, with 26 baptized this year.

Reports were read and spoken to in a fine spirit, and attention was the best.

About \$1000.00 was given to a co-operative program, and other financial reports were good.

Drs. McCall and Bryan Simmons were at their best, and Drs. Hart and Beagle were heard with interest.

The entertainment was perhaps the best ever seen in the county.

The Association voted to meet with Meridian Church in 1941.

Leslie E. Roane.

## CLARKE COLLEGE

Clarke College began its 33d season last Tuesday, Rev. L. G. Sansing, and Br. Broome, state supervisor of Junior College were the speakers. The new President, Freeman E. May is starting his work enthusiastically. He has a splendid faculty. Clarke offers a splendid opportunity to boys and girls of limited means. This tuition is \$5.00 a month, room and board \$12.00 a month. There is time yet for others to enter.

Last Spring I wrote a note about three boys available to sing in meetings. The Brethren kept all three busy all summer. We have at Clarke now some splendid young preachers.

Pastors wanting supplies, or churches wanting pastors can find them at Clarke College. Write me and I will make the contact with the preachers. President May is also available as supply speaker. Use him.

R. A. Morris, Pastor.

## DESOTO COUNTY CENTENNIAL

The DeSoto County Baptist Association, for many years known as the Coldwater Association celebrates its centennial anniversary next year at Eudora Church.

It is most fitting now when states, and governments, and institutions, are celebrating their one-hundredth birthday that Christians should have a service of praise and Thanksgiving for the many years of blessings from the Lord.

The officers of the association are digging into the past history and are trying to locate all the minutes ever published by this association prior to 1935 and finding where the association has met each year.

If any pastor or laymen has ever lived in DeSoto County years gone by and knows of any information about the association please write a letter giving all the details that you remember. Just address all mail to Bro. Milton Whitten of Hernando, Mississippi, and thank you.

Church officers for the church at Houlika were elected Friday night. The W. M. U. observed the week of prayer.

Pastor L. Boland of Siwell Church, Hinds County, writes that on Sunday the fifteenth he preached to the largest congregations he has had since he began work here. New officers were elected for the coming year. At the evening service there were nine additions, three of them by baptism. The membership has almost doubled in the past six months. There seems to be a new spirit, greater zeal and vision. Prayer is requested.

Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland, Miss., opened with a ten per cent increase in her student body over last year. There are 167 Baptist students on the campus with an active Baptist Student Union functioning under the leadership of Miss Ethel McKeithen of Meridian as president. The First Baptist Church threw open its doors in welcome to this group on Friday evening.—I. D. Eavenson.

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## McLain Enlarges Work

It was the pleasure of your State Secretary to spend a few days with the McLain church recently and discuss with them the matter of enlargement. They seemed ready for it and so plans were made to complete the Training Union thus giving them the five departments. Leaders were secured to be elected by the church later—and although we have not had a definite report on the action of the church we give here the set up as it was decided upon—B. A. U., Mrs. C. E. Pully; B. Y. P. U., Miss Hazel McCoy; Intermediate, Mrs. Ben Green; Junior, Mrs. Genelle Wilkerson, Jr., Story Hour, Mrs. Saule Green. A new officer was enlisted, a Special Feature Director. This person will be responsible for the special feature at the general assembly each Sunday night. Mrs. John Magee was chosen for this place. All seemed happy to assume the offices and work and we feel that a new day in Training Union for McLain is just ahead. That is true if plans have been carried through.

## Our Next Great Event In Training Union

NOW we look forward with keen interest to November 27, 28, 29. These are the days for our State Training Union Convention at Laurel. How many shall we expect to attend that meeting? Will you set a goal? We want every pastor to set a goal for his church or churches! We want every director to set a goal for his union! We want every Associational Director to set a goal for his association. With these goals we can set a goal for the state 1,800 attended the last State Sunday School and Training Union Convention that met at Laurel. This was in 1920—twenty years ago—That was a joint meeting of course, but do you not think that by now we should have that many to attend the Training Union Convention? You say. We promise a great feast of spiritual things. The program is already well on its way to completion with a splendid group of out-of-state workers engaged.

We desire here to express thanks to all pastors and others who have written in expressing appreciation of the fine work of our summer workers. Every expression has been one of appreciation. The young people "Quitted themselves like men." This week we will give you a letter which represents the feeling of pastors in the matter.

The Training Union, like the Automobile, is a wonderful organization if properly assembled, and properly directed. Children do not go to school and teach themselves, even in Adult Education there is a directing person that makes the work possible and profitable. Groups in the church cannot "just come to-

gether" and promote a profitable program without some leadership. Pastors and parents will do well to remember this before passing judgement on a church organization.

## Mississippi Third In Study Course Awards For August

August was the greatest month in the history of Mississippi Training Union work in the matter of Study course awards. We were third in the Southern Baptist Convention, issuing 3,218. Texas came first and North Carolina second. This record was made possible by these fine spirited young people who helped us and by the fine spirited pastors who cooperated. This means that 3,218 individuals studied a book that was destined to help them appreciate Christianity and their opportunities for promoting it a little more. They went all the way, took the examination and were issued an award. Hundreds of others were in the classes but did not take the examination.

All unions who have not already elected officers for the new term should appoint a nominating committee NEXT SUNDAY. This should have been done two weeks for best results. As soon as the officers are elected they should meet to divide the union into groups and committees. Be sure to get the name of all who are to be promoted into your union and in making up the committees put every one on a committee. Be ready to start the first Sunday in October with the union fully assembled and ready to go.

Monticello, Miss.  
August 26, 1940.

Mr. A. J. Wilds,  
Oxford, Miss.  
Dear Bro. Wilds:

Permit me to take this means of expressing to you and to the fine volunteer group of workers associated with you for their splendid service rendered during this summer conducting study courses and setting up new and enlarged organizations.

From the beginning I was impressed with this method, and already the returns have proved its worth. I have had occasion to observe pretty closely the immediate work and also the results. These young people certainly acquitted themselves well and left a profound impression on the young life of the communities they touched. They made a very definite contribution to the spirituality of the communities. In many cases they worked under difficulties. In two instances I observed personally, the work had to be done during the annual revival. This arrangement crowded them for time. Sometimes their work was confused, but they adopted themselves beautifully and "plowed" away. In no instance would they compromise standards. They were

remarkably successful in setting up adequate organizations, and those organizations are now functioning. One of my churches, Fair River, in Lincoln County, had been without an organization for more than a year. They helped set up the full organization. After a month I was back there Sunday and found all departments carrying on splendidly. There were seventy-four members present, and several visitors.

As I see it, this method was a most aggressive step, and one that will bring about a new day in the B. T. U. work, especially in the rural sections. I believe these young people got a blessing out of this service and some happy experiences. Miss Almata Reeves, especially made a worthy contribution as superintendent of her group. Our people have been greatly helped wherever these young people went. I just want to thank you for initiating this splendid place and let you know that it did work down our way.

Fraternally yours,  
D. O. Horne.

## Young Boy Turns Out To Be Girl

Two or three times I passed a dirty boy, wearing overalls and helmet, sitting on the steps. Someone asked me to talk to the young woman. To my amazement, the boy turned out to be a girl. Upon talking with her, I found she was from North Carolina. Her husband had caught the freight and she had missed. A man in New Orleans took her rings to pawn them for return fare to North Carolina. He skipped out. Crying, she told us that she had nowhere to go, was hungry, tired and "scared." She was fed, given a bath and clean clothes. Arrangements were made in ten days for her train fare home. She left saying, "I did not know Christian people were so kind. Thank God for the Baptist Rescue Mission."

This work is made possible by your aid.

Sincerely  
Clovis A. Brantley, Supt.  
740 Esplanade Ave.,  
New Orleans, La.

Modern Miss: "Grandma, did you ever flirt when you were young?"

Grandma: "Yes, dear, I'm afraid I did."

Modern Miss: "And were you punished?"

Grandma: "Well, I married your grandpa."

The teacher was putting questions to her class: "What do we call a man," he asked, "who keeps on talking and talking when people are no longer interested?"

"Please, sir," replied a boy, "a teacher."

There were nine additions to First Church, Biloxi, on Sunday the fifteenth, three by baptism.—G. C. Hodge, Pastor.

Union Baptist Seminary of New Orleans, a theological and training school for Negro Baptists in New Orleans, will open Sept. 23. Dr. J. W. Shepard of the Baptist Bible Institute is President and Dr. R. W. Coleman Dean. The curriculum includes Old and New Testament, Biblical Geography, Homiletics, Religious Education, Doctrine, Evangelism, Greek, Theology, Psychology, Church History, Missions, Sociology and Ethics, Apologetics, Philosophy and Literary Subjects. There is also a training course for women.

Some brethren evidently did not read the proposed schedule for the times of meeting of the district associations published in the Record a few weeks ago. This was not intended for this year but for next year. Nobody can set the time of meeting for an association but the association itself or its officers. It was merely a suggested schedule in hope that the associations would adopt it. If they do it will be effective next year, that is in 1941. The suggestion was made in order that missionaries and state men might be able to attend more of them with the least expenditure of money and time.

## S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First Church	1036	230
Jackson, Parkway		215
Jackson, Griffith	809	374
Jackson, Southside	94	91
Centreville, Jones Co.	75	100
Steen's Creek	124	55
Vicksburg, First Church	142	
Union Church	172	62
Newton Church	241	79
Pilgrim's Rest	150	83
Zion, Simpson	85	
" " Sept 8.	80	
Bala Chitto, Pike	67	
Bethlehem, Jones	100	
Eden Church	22	36
Pascagoula	277	96
Hattiesburg, Main St.	425	136
Lumberton, Sept. 8	164	83
Lumberton, Sept 15	152	79
Fellowship-Lorman	30	
Heuck's Retreat	83	
Clarksdale	433	163
Cleveland	128	53
Pattison	101	
Double Springs	86	
West Laurel	549	
Enterprise, Sept. 8	93	34
Enterprise, Sept. 15	86	37
McComb, First	370	116
Kreole	91	66
Crystal Springs	357	123
Bethesda, Oktibbeha	37	
Bethlehem	17	
Salem, Covington	177	166
Sardis, Neshoba Co.	54	

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# News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

HOME MISSION BOARD

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary

JOE BURTON, Publicity Secretary

## AUGUST RECEIPTS

Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention

Cooperative Program .....	\$17,895.83
Hundred Thousand Club .....	3,807.81
Annie Armstrong Offering .....	1,402.40
Designations .....	1,920.73
Total .....	\$25,026.77

## NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

Four new missionaries, three for work among the Mexicans in Texas and one to the New Orleans field were appointed by the Home Mission Board September 5.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Corder, who have had three years' experience in work among Mexicans, were named to fill a vacancy which has existed for a number of months in the Uvalde, Texas, Mexican field. Brother Corder, a college graduate who speaks Spanish fluently, and his wife will have at Uvalde a faithful nucleus who have maintained the work in the absence of a resident missionary.

The third worker named to the Mexican field is Rev. Roy Monzingo who was designated to serve at Bonaldo, Texas.

Mrs. L. O. Cotey, after serving acceptably for a number of months as matron of the Women's Emergency Home in New Orleans, was appointed by the Board to continue in this position.

## MRS. PAUL C. BELL DIES IN TEXAS

By Walter H. McKenzie, Pastor University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

Twenty-six years ago there came a bride to Bastrop, Texas. She had been reared in Bridgeport of this state, and at the age of nineteen had linked her life with that of a young preacher

by the name of Paul Bell. Her maiden name was Ida Perle Elliott. She met Paul Bell while he was doing special work among the Mexican mine workers in Bridgeport.

For twenty-six years this consecrated, faithful woman gave herself unstintedly, and without reserve, to the tasks which fell to her hands as the wife of a preacher, a mother in the home, a missionary to the Mexican people, an active W. M. U. worker, and a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. She organized one of the first Mexican W. M. U. organizations, and taught the first missionary study course ever taught to Mexican women. She was active in bringing about the organization of the Mexican W. M. U. in the state of Texas. On Sunday, August 25, the spirit of Mrs. Bell left her tired and afflicted body and went home to the Father's house. Mrs. Bell died in an Austin hospital following an operation, and complications therefrom.

The funeral for Mrs. Bell was held in the Mexican Baptist Church at Bastrop with Rev. Bonnie Grimes of the First Baptist Church there in charge, and with Rev. I. E. Gonzales, Rev. Buldain, and Rev. Walter H. McKenzie of Austin assisting.

Nearly half of the audience which filled the rather large auditorium of the Mexican church was composed of Mexican people who knew and loved Mrs. Bell with an unusual devotion because of her faithful ministry to them. Several beautiful songs were sung in the Spanish language.

Telegrams of sympathy were read from Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board; Dr. R. C. Campbell, Executive Secretary of Texas Baptists; Mrs. E. F. Lyon, and others. Mrs. Bell is survived by her noble husband, seven children, step mother, three sisters, and two brothers, and just as many friends as knew her. I feel that

the sympathy and prayers of our Baptist hosts throughout the South will be given to brother Bell and his fine children.

## CLOSING DATE APPROACHES ON POSTER CONTEST

Final date on the Y. W. A. poster contest sponsored by the Home Mission Board as announced in the early summer is October 1, 1940.

The contest, open to all Y. W. A. members, offers an award of \$15 for the winning poster design and \$10 for the second best. Posters are to illustrate the theme of the 1941 March Week of Prayer for Home Missions: "I am debtor . . . Am I ready?" (Rom. 1:14-15) or the theme of the week of prayer preparatory book, *The Trail of Seed*.

Posters to be considered must be definitely in line with the rules of the contest. These rules, and any further information desired, may be found in the June issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions* or in the June issue of the *Window of Y. W. A.*, or by writing to the Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

## MEXICAN HAS NEW JOY

"I have a joy in my heart," testified a young Mexican girl in San Antonio, Texas, where Miss Amelia Diaz is one of our missionaries, during a revival meeting being held in a church there. "I have a joy in my heart, because I know that Christ is my Saviour, and I am going to work so all my family will become Christians."

During the meeting which lasted for one week, ten persons made confessions of faith and there were many beautiful testimonies such as the above.

Another woman, formerly a Catholic, said, "I was one of those Catholics that believed in Saint Mary and many other things and superstitions, but now I know I have found the Way. I am happy to have Christ in my heart."

## RIDGECREST ITEM

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, moved us all profoundly as he spoke at the morning worship service on Sunday. He took for his topic, "Forward Through Closed Doors." He reminded us that we are facing the most critical time for foreign missions since the decade of the "sixties." Speaking of the strong opposition the Catholic Church gives Protestant missions in Europe, he said the Vatican Government in Rome largely financed Mussolini's campaign of blood in Ethiopia, and if they had their way, every Baptist preacher and missionary would be forced to leave Europe immediately. Stating that 45% of the land area of China has not had a chance at the Gospel and that there are less than 2,000,000 Christians there now, Dr. Maddry appealed to Southern Baptists to launch a great mission enterprise in far West China—a territory where our work would be unimpeded, a great open door to the Gospel. Before Dr. Maddry left Ridgecrest, voluntary gifts totaling over \$1600.00, without any personal solicitation whatever, were placed in his hands for this purpose. He said that he and Dr. Rankin would not take the initiative, but would await the leading of the Holy Spirit. At least two couples will be needed to begin this work, one young couple and an older one. Dr. Maddry stated that every denomination except Southern Baptists has already joined this trek to far West China, and added: "I long for that with a longing unutterable."

## IN THIS THE CHILDREN OF GOD ARE MANIFEST

"If a man loves me," said Jesus, "I will love him, and my father will love him, and we will come and make our abode with him." That is evidence of a new birth. "You are my witnesses, if ye do whatsoever I command Thee." "He that is born of God keeps himself." If you love him, you are his child.

"He that loveth God overcometh the world". Is there a mark on you which conquers, which dominates? He that is born of God loves the brethren. Do you enjoy the beautiful spirit of fellowship? In this the children of God are manifest. If you have wronged any body you will get right. That is religion. It makes you do things and constrains you.

He that is born of God loves others and does right by them. "He that is born of God, hath the witness in himself; his spirit answers to my spirit, and tells me I am born of God." Jesus said, "who touched me?" and he "looked around about to see her that had done this thing", because he knew and she knew, and she felt in her body that she was healed, and Jesus knew that virtual had gone out of him, and she came and told him the truth, and he said: "Thy faith hath saved Thee".

"And Jesus said: wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them". In your attitude toward evil, in your attitude to righteousness. Which do you love most, which dominates you the strongest? Supposing something worldly is on and prayer serv-

ice which would you attend?

Do you enjoy observing the Lord's day in the right manner? And can say "I was glad when they said into me, let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 122. You can't be a Christian and treat the Lord's day and his word triflingly. "Thou shalt have no other God's before me."—Exodus 20:3.

Mrs. Johnye L. Hester.

## IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

To impute means, to count that which is not, as though it were.

It is written, James 2:23: "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness."

It is written in Gen. 15:6: "He believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness."

And in Rom. 4:23: "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus Our Lord from the dead." Do you believe on Him?

Also, Rom. 4:5: "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justified the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Do you believe that?

Now God keeps a perfect set of books. In that book God charges

all men with all their sins. And, "the wages of sin is death." But to those who believe God, their sins are canceled, by virtue of the victorious sufferings of Christ.

Do you believe that? If so, you believe God. And if you believe God, then you are fully justified, and the righteousness of God is imputed to you. To believe God means to believe on His Son. And the Son of God said: "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Do you believe Him?

J. E. Heath, Winona, Miss.

## SALLIS CENTENNIAL

The Sallis Baptist Church will celebrate its one hundredth Anniversary with a Home-coming Day on the fifth Sunday in September. All former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to be present. Services beginning at 10:30 A. M. Will continue into the afternoon, and entertainment for day will be furnished by the church. G. W. Smith, Pastor.

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## B. O. B. F.

BRYAN SIMMONS  
Field Representative

Summer is past, the associations are meeting and the Orphanage Re-building Program is still being given attention.

### Summer Meetings

In the midst of the duties in connection with B. O. B. F. I have enjoyed the privilege of working in four protracted meetings. Two with brother J. E. Wills, one with brother Deb Stennis, and one with brother R. L. Wallace. It was a genuine pleasure to work with these good men and their loyal people. The evangelistic opportunities were limited on all these fields; but some were saved and many Christian lives were brightened and strengthened. The Lord be praised for his many blessings.

### Associational Meetings

At this writing the field representative has attended ten associations and this is written on the way to another. These associations have been reasonably well attended and the reports from the churches have been encouraging. The Orphanage is grateful for the consideration it is receiving at these associations and we believe this is an evidence of the attention this work will receive back at the churches.

### The Woman's Building

A few weeks ago it was announced that a movement was being launched to secure sufficient funds from, or on behalf of, the women for a dormitory at the Orphanage. This announcement has met with an encouraging response and the indications are that the interest and contributions will grow as the information becomes more general. Here are some initial offerings.

One donation for \$1,000.

One donation for \$200.00.

Two donations for \$100, total \$200.

One donation for \$25.

Five donations for \$5, total \$25.

Forty donations for \$1, total \$40.

Others have promised to send in offerings soon and many good women have agreed to canvass the women of their churches. Good women, join these who have given or agreed to help and watch this total grow. It will be fine to have one building in the Orphanage program provided by the mothers, grandmothers and aunties of little children. Out of some sixty-five thousand Baptist women in the state, surely there will be enough to make this building possible in the near future. This offers a fine opportunity for some man to pay a worthy tribute to his mother, wife or sister. The names of the good women who make this building possible will be kept in a Book of Remembrance in that building.

### The One Hundred Group

We are still adding names to the group of men who are giving an average of \$50.00 each to a fund for another building. The number is now around sixty and we believe we are going to get the one hundred. Brother, won't you join?

## TO REVIVAL THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Harold E. Ingraham

Our Sunday school Uniform Lessons for six months beginning in October are to be in the Gospel of Luke.

Now how many among us agree that if revival is to come and if evangelistic fires are to burn and if soul-winning work is to be done—in and through it all there must needs be a deepening of Bible study, a new finding of the Word in the midst of the people?

And how many, pausing even for a moment to consider, can see marvelous possibilities in a six months' period devoted entirely to the study of one book, when that book is the Gospel of Luke, the beloved physician's account of the Great Physician?

How many then will be willing to do some serious planning and some gallant crusading to meet this opportunity? How many will challenge the churches, Sunday schools, departments and classes to use this opportunity? How many will urge the pastors and superintendents and teachers to lead out in such a call and effort for the study of this Gospel as shall bring multiplied tens of thousands of our people to really face up to the Life that should and most dominate our lives if revival and evangelism are to come in reality and in power?

Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of the Kirkwood Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, has faced this opportunity, thought it through, seen somewhat into its possibilities and committed himself and the leaders of his great church to a church-wide study of the Gospel of Luke for six months. The Kirkwood Church has 2,160 members and there are 1,960 enrolled in the Sunday school. Dr. White has written about this Bible study opportunity and his evaluation, his plea, and his practical suggestions will appear in a series of seven articles in The Sunday School Builder, a monthly periodical published by the Sunday School Board, beginning in the September issue.

He proposes to preach from Luke's Gospel, to build the prayer meetings around this same book, to distribute hundreds and maybe thousands of the small paper bound copies of this Gospel, to challenge the people to read and re-read this book, to have special study course weeks in this field, to make posters, to call for testimonies, to secure commitments; in fact to tax the leadership of his church to lead out in spending six months with Christ according to Luke.

Who will do likewise? Dr. White's messages are available in The Sunday School Builder each month. Let them be suggestive and let the leaders study and plan and move out for such a revival of Bible study as relates to Jesus Christ our Lord as we have never known. Here is opportunity indeed!

—BR—

Mother: "John, it's positively shameful the way Junior talks. I just heard him say, 'I ain't went nowhere!'"

Father: "I should say it is shameful. Why, he has traveled twice as much as most boys of his age!"

## R. L. BRELAND

Whereas, on September 18, 1939, God in His infinite wisdom and all-wise judgment saw fit to remove the presence of brother R. L. Breland from his walk and work here among us, and

Whereas, brother Breland spent fifteen years of his useful life in our midst as pastor of many of the churches of the county, ministering freely, many times without any remuneration whatever other than that which shall be his in eternity, unto the spiritual needs of the people telling them with all the sincerity of his soul of the Saviour who died for their sins, weeping with them in their sorrows and rejoicing with them in their joys, and

Whereas, brother Breland was zealous in his faithfulness to the association that he attended as long as health permitted, giving unstintedly of his time and talent toward its success; and

Whereas, we sorely miss the advice, the council, the prayers and the presence of this princely man of God in our deliberations, therefore,

Be it resolved by this, the Yalobusha County Baptist Association, in its regular meeting in this the year 1940 with the Dividing Ridge Baptist Church, that we express unto God and man our appreciation for the friendship and fellowship of so fine and noble character that it was our pleasure to be associated with during the fifteen years that he was a part and parcel of this association;

Be it further resolved by this association in session that a copy of

this resolution be spread on the minutes of the association and a copy sent to the family of our deceased friend and brother.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. E. Denley

This September 5, 1940.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

—BR—

## LEAKE COUNTY W. M. U. RALLY

The Leake County Associational W. M. U. will have its annual fall rally on September 13 at Walnut Grove beginning at 10 o'clock. The program which is built around the theme: "Stand Fast For Ye Know That Your Labor is Not in Vain in the Lord," is almost complete. Miss Auris Pender, missionary to China, is to bring two missionary messages while county and district officers and probably some out of county speakers will fill the remainder of the program.

—Mrs. H. H. Brooks, Supt.

—BR—

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## TO PUBLISH PARTIAL REPORTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

The Bureau of the Census has given me official notice that they will publish the partial reports from Southern Baptist churches, received in the 1936 Census of Religious Bodies. In order that the brotherhood and the public may understand this matter fully, I am publishing herewith the final letters from our office and that of the Bureau of the Census:

May 6, 1940.

Dr. T. F. Murphy  
Records of Religious Statistics  
Bureau of the Census  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Doctor Murphy:

Please pardon my delay in answering yours of April 20th, with enclosure. It came at precisely that time of the year when I must, each year, recheck the statistics of the 25,000 Baptist churches now reporting through my office. Also, I have delayed answering in the hope of conferring with Southern Baptist leaders touching this matter, which all of us regard as most serious.

Suffice it to say, there are three compelling reasons why I can not approve the statistical report of the Southern Baptist Convention which you present to me in first proof sheets covering the findings of 1936 Census of Religious Bodies:

1. You are very well aware of the fact that this statistical report of the Southern Baptist Convention is at best only a partial report of the religious forces affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in 1936—that many (fully one-third) of the churches affiliated with our Convention refused out-right to report their statistics to your office. Surely you do not mean to present this report, without footnote or explanation of any kind, as if it contained the statistics of all the churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention!

2. But what is even more serious, against my specific and urgent request of you personally, you had printed, along with the schedules, the threat of punishment (which the law provides) against any of the churches which might refuse to report their statistics to your Department. I know that you will recall that at our meeting of the church statisticians at Washington, D. C., I warned you that if this were done our Southern Baptist churches would not only rebel and refuse cooperation with your office, but that they would "throw me out" for asking them to cooperate with your office. So, your office must bear the blame of deliberately arousing and challenging the rights of the churches, and securing antagonism instead of cooperation.

3. And you must allow me to remind you that, beginning on June 7, 1936, I once and again wrote you and tendered to you or any representative you might send to Nashville, all the printed records in my office, as statistician of Southern Baptists, in order to complete your reports of the Southern Baptist Convention—printed minutes of all the district associations and state conventions affiliated with this Convention, which we gather here in our office from year to year.

In fact, the files of my correspondence with you covering this matter, show that when the funds of your office were exhausted, I went further and offered you the privilege of coming to Nashville and selecting any three or four employees in my office you might choose, and allowing you to place them under oath as your own working force and to permit you to use them as long as you needed them in order to complete the returns from Southern Baptist churches—without any charge against the Government whatever.

I also called your attention to the fact that the Act of Congress authorizing this survey calls for a Survey of Religious Bodies and does not make it mandatory on your office to go to every local congregation; and I specially and repeatedly offered you every document and every facility in my office to complete your records. Did you ever come to Nashville or send any representative from your office to Nashville to go over these printed documents? No, you never came for this purpose, nor did you ever send anyone.

Surely you do not now propose to go ahead and publish this partial report under review, and make on explanation whatever, leaving the public to presume that you are presenting full and trustworthy report of the statistics of the whole Southern Baptist Convention? Please advise me on this point.

Cordially yours,  
E. P. ALLDREDGE,  
Secretary Survey, Statistics  
and Information.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census  
Washington, June 4, 1940  
E. P. Alldredge, M.A., D.D.,  
Secretary, Department Survey,  
Statistics and Information,  
Southern Baptist Convention,  
161 Eighth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. Alldredge:

Your letter of May 6 to Dr. Murphy of this Bureau, relative to the publication of the material which we have secured for the Southern Baptist Convention, has been called to my attention.

I have carefully considered the situation as it relates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and have decided to publish the material collected at the Census of Religious Bodies for 1936. A statement will be included to the effect that we realize these data are incomplete, but the statistics represent all we have been able to procure from the pastors or clerks of the churches in this denomination.

The Southern Baptist Convention was the only organization which took a denominational stand against the 1936 Census of Religious Bodies, and their failure to furnish us with reports after repeated requests makes the data of little comparative value.

I sincerely regret the incompleteness of these returns, especially as the report for the Southern Baptist Convention for 1926 was, in our opinion, a most excellent one.

Very truly yours,  
W. L. AUSTIN, Director.  
\*Of course the Convention took no such action as this; but only some

## IF NOT MISSIONS, WHAT?

If the church abandoned its mission fields and thus failed to carry out the great Commission the following inevitable failures would follow:

1. A failure to be a part of the greatest movement on earth.
2. A failure to share in the sacrificial passion of Christ.
3. A failure to enter into the Christian spirit which actuated Paul, Stephen, Carey, Willingham and scores of other missionaries.
4. A failure to practice missions precludes the preaching of missions and praying for missionaries, for it would be hypocrisy to preach and pray for missions without sending and supporting missionaries on the field.
5. A failure to be orthodox. What would you think of a church that received members without faith, repentance or Baptism? It is a serious thing for a child to rebel against its parents or a citizen to rebel against its country; but a more serious thing is not to do what God tells us to do. For if we refuse to do as instructed to do in the Bible regarding missions, we will be "unprofitable servants" and be "cast out into utter darkness because of our disobedience."
6. A failure to accomplish the purpose of the Holy Spirit, and thus bring grief to the spirit of God.—Reminder, Philadelphia Church.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN HOME COMING

Mrs. O. B. Taylor of Jackson is chairman of the Blue Mountain College Homecoming to take place November 16, on the occasion of Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry's ninetieth Birthday. Mrs. D. C. Simmons, president of Blue Mountain College National Alumnae Association, announced today. Mrs. Taylor was formerly president of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, and is now director for Mississippi of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

From ten to three hundred fifty former students of the college live in every county in Mississippi, and Mrs. Taylor is now engaged in securing a Homecoming chairman for each county.

"Mother" Berry, Mississippi's grand old lady who saw the college opened in 1873 and who, with her father, the founder, and her oldest sister, constituted the first faculty, has seen more than twelve thousand women pass through its halls throughout the years, and is looking forward to seeing many of them in November.

From Blue Mountain College  
Mary Skilton, Secretary

Teacher (to class in arithmetic)—If you have ten potatoes and have to divide them between three persons, how would you do it?

Bright Boy—Mash them.

"That's a good looking hat, Bill."  
"I bought it five years ago, had it cleaned three times, changed it twice in restaurants, and it's still as good as new."

of the churches stood on their right and refused to release the schedules.  
E. P. Alldredge.

## YALOBUSHA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

This body met September 4 and 5 with Dividing Ridge church, the first time in 58 years. All officers were reelected.

Brother Wilds represented the Convention work and Brother Simmons the Orphanage. At the conclusion of Brother Simmons' talk an offering of \$10.70 was made. By a two margin vote the association decided to continue the two days' session. The second day most of the preachers were absent. A digest of letters show 131 baptisms, a gain of over 2 last year. Further gains Cooperative Program \$317.64, Orphanage \$230.78, other missions and benevolence \$250.75. Home Expenses showed a little loss, as did Sunday Schools. One more church reported a B. T. U. Total enrollment gained 108.

Before the Association adjourned a member of the host church announced they would meet Sunday and organize a Sunday School. They reported a Sunday School last year.

This was the first session since the Home Going of our dearly Beloved R. L. Breland, who was sorely missed. Resolutions to his memory were adopted.

## BRUCE, MISS.

Dr. Chas. D. Johnson, Erstwhile Dean of Blue Mountain College and now Head of Sociology and Publication Department in Baylor University, Waco, Texas, stopped by today to visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson on his return home from Ridgecrest, N. Carolina, where he attended The Baptist Convention, being re-elected the eleventh time as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Johnson is a noble Character who has attained fame thought the South in journalistic field and is held in high esteem here.

Mrs. Johns: "Is Mrs. Amos a well informed woman?"

Mrs. Walters: "Yes, indeed—her cook has lived with all the other families in the neighborhood!"

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